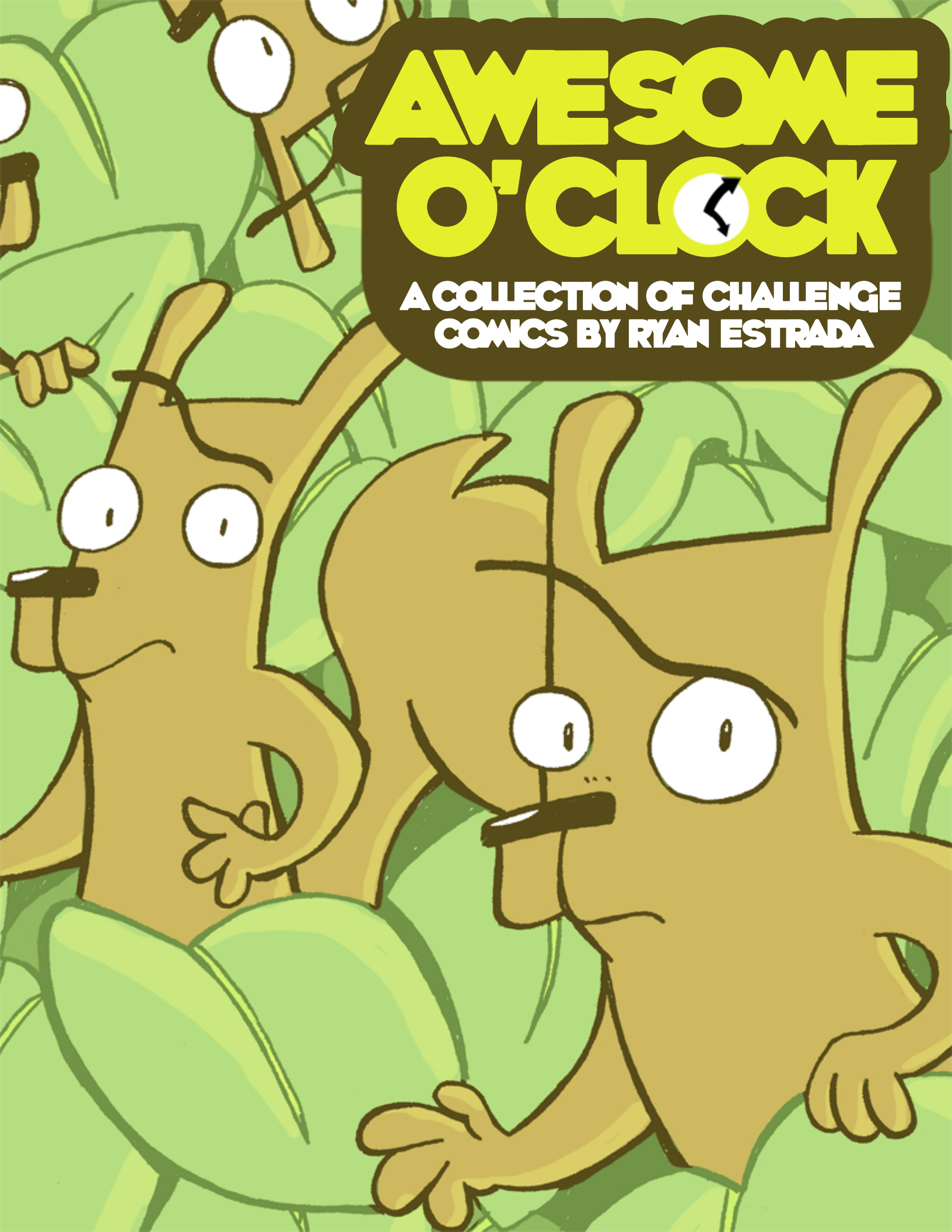


AWESOME O'CLOCK

A COLLECTION OF CHALLENGE
COMICS BY RYAN ESTRADA





OKAY,
So there's this
thing called a
24 hour comic,
right?

Cartoonists do it
whenever they need
a creative kick in
the pants.

A 24 page comic book,
from scratch, in 24 hours.



It's perfectly normal.

Except for that
I'm crazy. And
I've spent
more than
500 hours
on challenge comics.





HERE ARE SOME OF THEM!

AWESOME CLOCK

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Ambiguity

A COMIC BY RYAN ESTRADA
(TITLE SUGGESTED BY JOHN LANGDON)



ROLL CALL!

FULLER, SECRET SOCIETY
TREASURER, AND MATHEMATICS
EXPERT. ABLE TO SHOW HOW
ANY WORD, NAME, NUMBER, OR
EVENT IS RELATED TO THE ALL
POWERFUL NUMBER 1.

BY DAY, HE WORKS AT
H&R BLOCK.

9-11 TOOK PLACE
ON THE 11TH. THAT'S
TWO ONES. IF YOU ADD
9, 1 AND 1, YOU GET
10. $1+0=1$. THE
TOWERS KIND OF
LOOK LIKE ONES.



J.K. OUR POLITICAL MUSCLE.
WHILE NEVER HOLDING OFFICE
HIMSELF, HE IS AMONG THE TOP
5 FRIENDS ON THE OFFICIAL
MYSPACE OF A MAJOR INDEPENDENT
CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR.



MY MOM SAID
I HAVE TO BE
HOME BY ELEVEN,
WHICH IS TWO
ONES, BUT FULLER
ALREADY SAID
THAT...

MAYERS...

CAN TOTALLY HOOK US UP
WITH FREE BURGER KING.

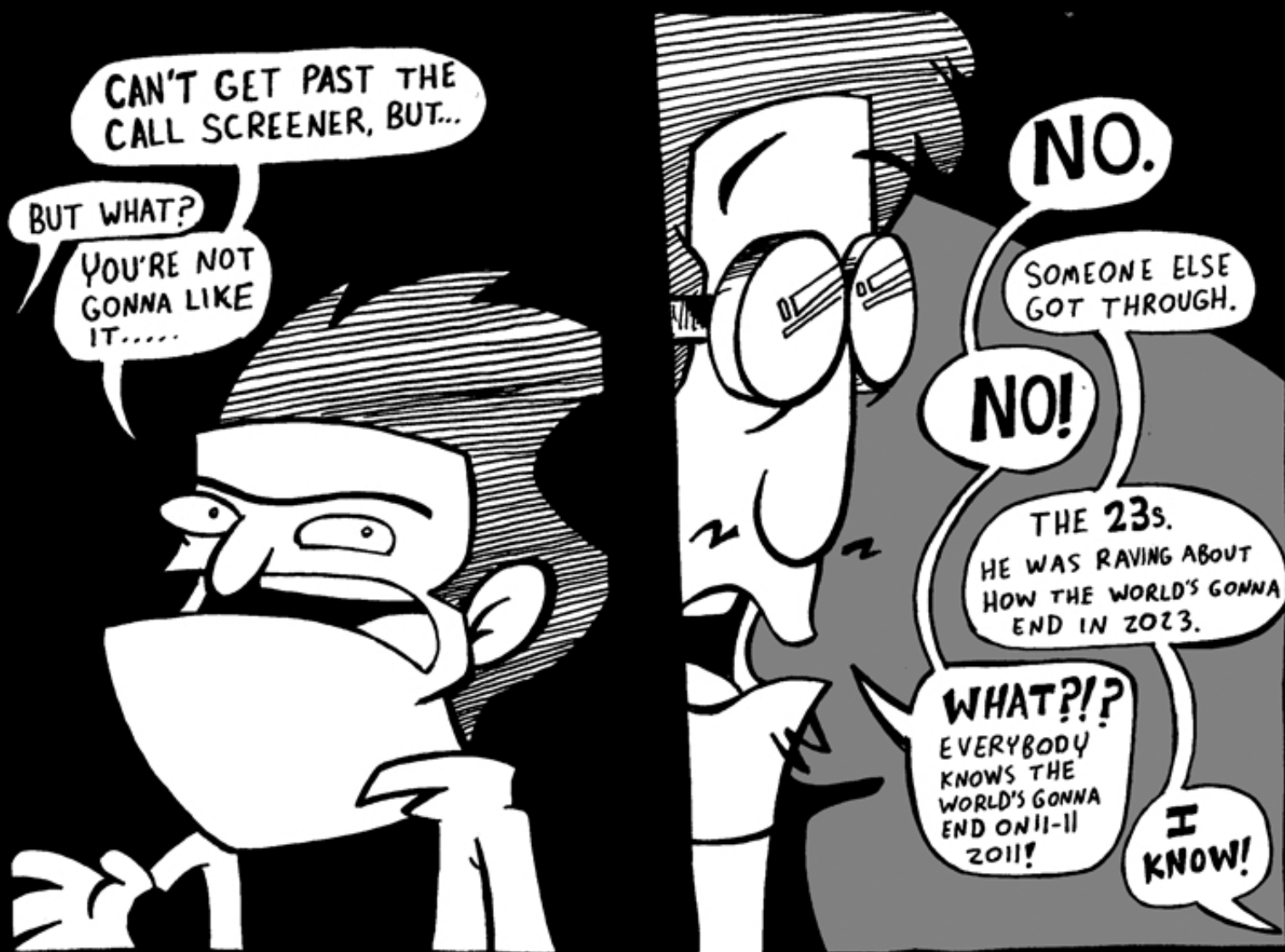
YOU GUYS
HAVE TO AT
LEAST ORDER
A POP, OR I'M
GONNA GET
CAUGHT.



**AND I'M
WEISLER.**

I GET TO BE
THE LEADER,
BECAUSE I'M
THE ONLY ONE
WHO'S ACTUALLY
TALKED TO THE
ALIENS.








WHAT?
HOW LONG UNTIL
THE DEEJAY HUNG
UP ON HIM?!?

17 SECONDS.

EVEN **I**
CAN'T STAY
ON THE AIR
THAT LONG!

17 IS DIVISIBLE
BY ONE....




23
IS A STUPID
NUMBER TO BE
OBSESSED WITH.


... AND THEY'RE ALWAYS SO COCKY
ABOUT THAT DUMB JIM CARREY
MOVIE... WHAT, JUST BECAUSE JIM
CARREY SAYS SOMETHING IN A MOVIE,
THAT MEANS
IT'S TRUE?

HE ALSO
SAID "WE
LANDED ON
THE MOON"


EVERYBODY KNOWS
THE MOON LANDING
WAS CLAYMATION.



MAN, I HATE THOSE 23s
AND THEIR LAME CONSPIRACY
THEORIES..... WHY DON'T
WE PUT A STOP TO THOSE
CLOWNS?



BECAUSE THEY'RE A
SECRET SOCIETY,
DUH. WE DON'T KNOW
WHO OR WHERE THEY
ARE!




MAYBE NOT, BUT
WE KNOW WHERE
THEY'RE **GONNA**
BE.....

HUH?

**SODARKTHE,
MARYLAND.**

WHAT?



OK GUYS. THIS WAS IN A
LOCKED LJ POST, SO NOT
JUST ANYBODY KNOWS
ABOUT THIS.....


NEXT WEEK IS
SODARKTHE CON,
THE ANNUAL SECRET
SOCIETY AND CONSPIRACY
THEORIST CONVENTION



J.K....
SEE IF WE
CAN BORROW
YOUR MOM'S
MINIVAN.

MAYSERS,
SEE IF YOU CAN
GET SOMEONE
TO COVER YOUR
SHIFT.

FULLER,
MAKE SURE WE
HAVE ENOUGH GAS
MONEY TO GET
TO MARYLAND...



IT'S TIME FOR A
MOTHA-FREAKIN'
SECRET SOCIETY
TURF WAR.

A WEEK LATER...

ALL RIGHT,
GANG. KEEP
AN EYE OPEN

SARADON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

SODARKTHE
CON

SODARKTHE
CON



WAIT...

THERE
THEY
ARE...





CONSPIRACY OFF!

FELLOW CONSPIRACY THEORISTS AND BADGE HOLDERS, THIS IS A CONSPIRACY OFF. THREE ROUNDS, HE WITH THE MOST WINS IS THE CHAMPION.

FIRST ROUND.
EXPLAIN THE NUMERICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR NAMES.

THAT'S EASY.

WEISLER IS $25+5+9+19+12+5+19$, WHICH IS **91**. $9+1$ IS **10**. $1+0$ IS **ONE**.

MAYERS IS $13+1+25+19+5+18+19$... THAT'S **10**. $1+0+0$ IS **ONE**.

FULLER COMES TO **74**. $7+4=11$. TWO **ONES**.

J.K. EQUALS **10** AND **11**. $1+0=1$, SO THAT'S THREE **ONES**.

T.C., A/V, AND PG.

ALL EQUAL 23.



23s, YOUR FORMULAS ARE CERTAINLY LESS OPEN FOR DEBATE, AND THE RHYME IS CATCHY, BUT A TRUE CONSPIRACY THEORIST ALWAYS SHOWS HIS WORK. **ROUND 1** GOES TO THE **1s**.

ROUND 2:

EXPLAIN HOW THIS PAINTING PROVES THAT THE ARTIST SECRETLY SUPPORTED YOUR THEORIES.



UM... UMMM....

IT'S A, UH, PICTURE OF **ONE** PERSON...?

AND IT'S MONO CHROMATIC...? AND **MONO** MEANS ONE...?

SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE ALSO MIGHT HAVE A MONO BROW.

THIS IS PICASSO'S "PORTRAIT OF SUZANNE BLOCH. IT WAS PAINTED DURING HIS "BLUE PERIOD", A TIME IN WHICH THE ARTIST FOCUSED ON **DARKER**, MORE REALISTIC SUBJECTS.

IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT PANTONE # **23** IS **DARK BLUE**.



EXCELLENT
ROUND 2 GOES TO THE **23s**!

ROUND 3.

THIS ROUND IS IMPORTANT
NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT'S
THE TIE-BREAKING POINT,
BUT BECAUSE ONLY SOME
ONE WHO IS **TRULY**
READY CAN SEE THE UFOs.

HOW MANY
UFOs CAN
YOU SEE IN
THE SKY
**RIGHT
NOW?**

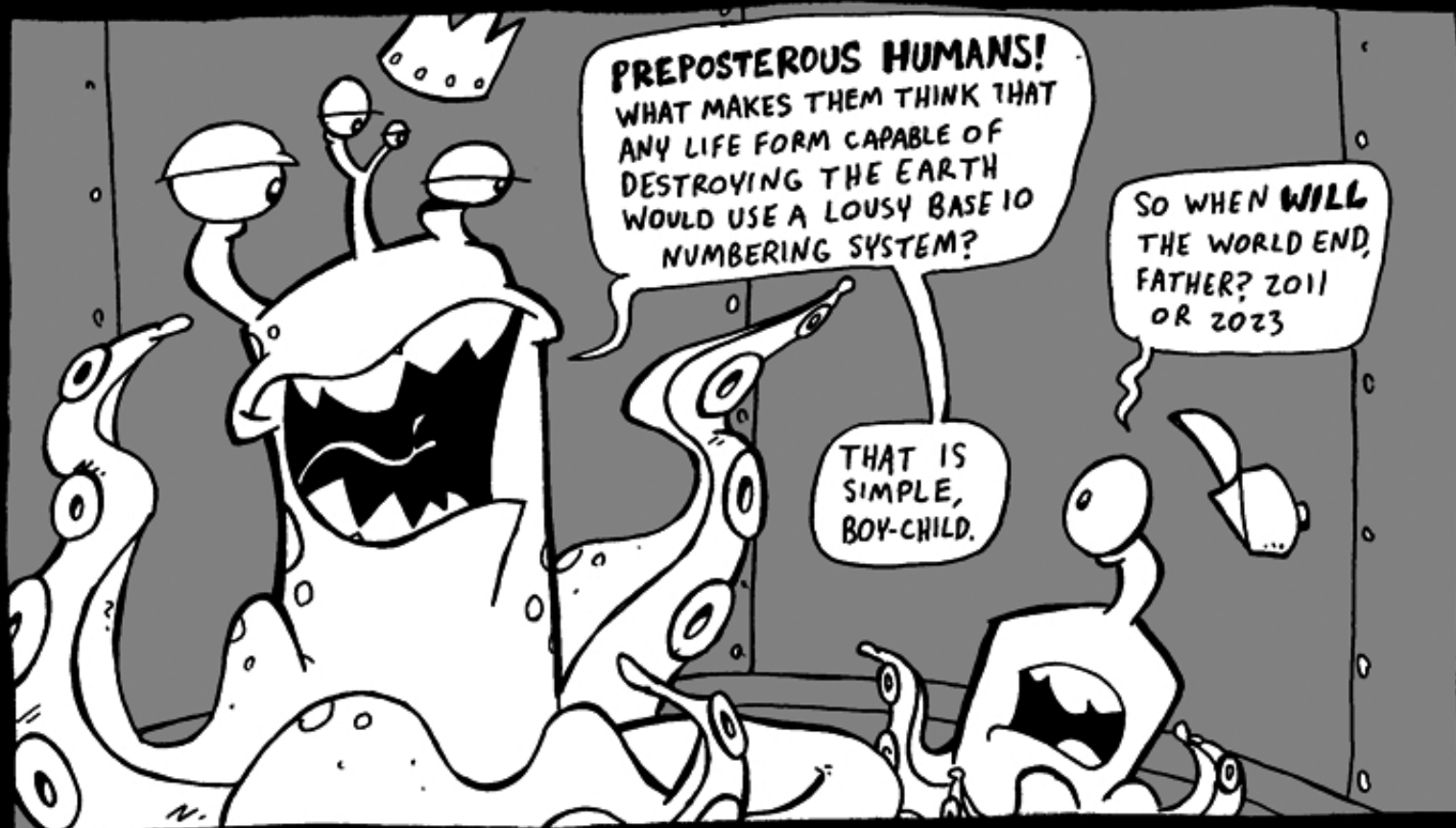


THREE.
SEVEN.



THE ONES WIN!



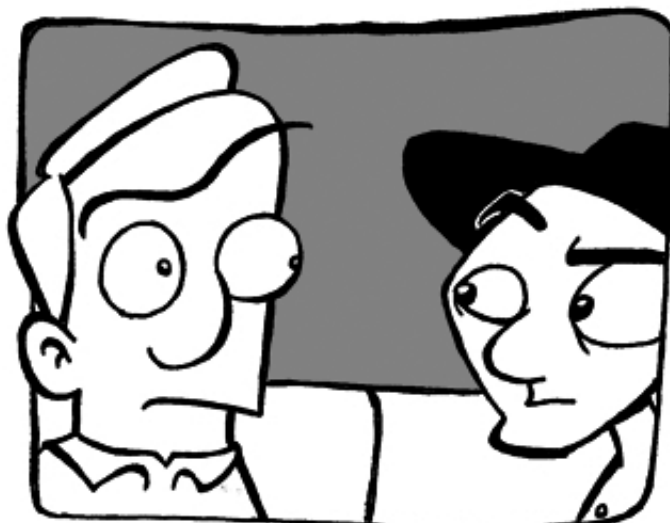


i remember you.

A 24-HOUR
COMIC

by Ryan Estrada





3 days later

and then
told him
you want
to have

MARKO!



FANCY MEETING YOU
HERE. WHO IS THIS?



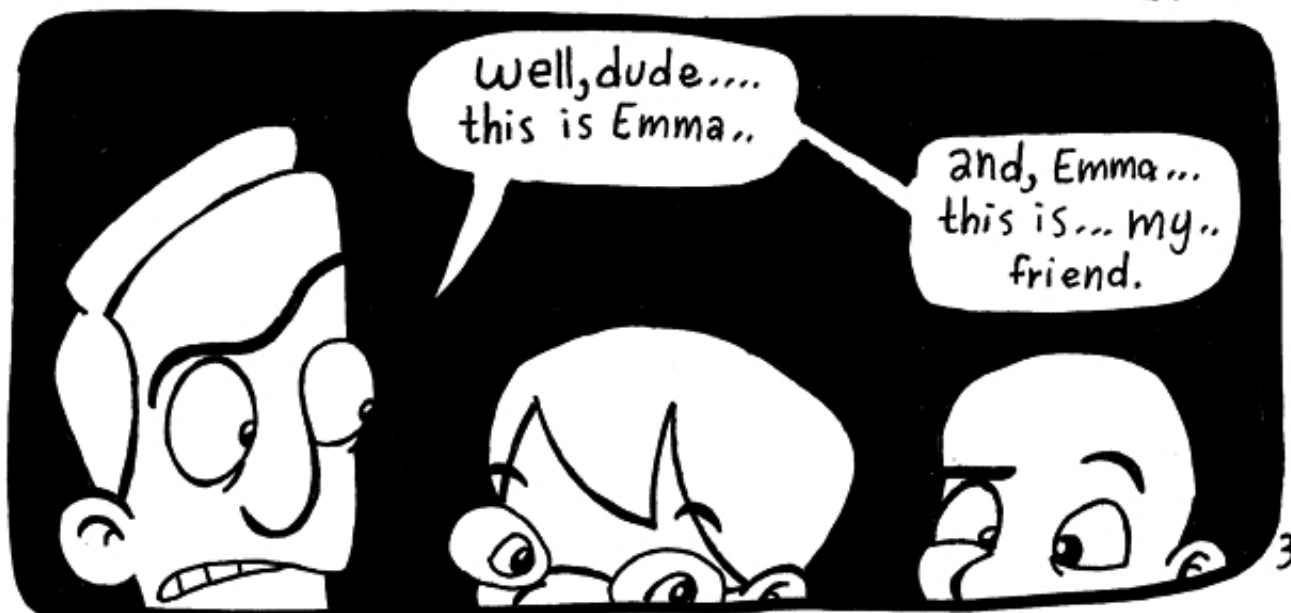
Hey... pal, how did-

Marko, aren't you
going to introduce
me to your friend?



Well, dude....
this is Emma..

and, Emma...
this is... my..
friend.





2 weeks later







1 hour later...

thank you for
doing this, Marko

Well heck... buddy...
what are friends for?



You do support what
I'm doing, right? 'CAUSE
I could always stay...



NO!

No.

No, I think you
should go. It'd
be for the best.

For you.



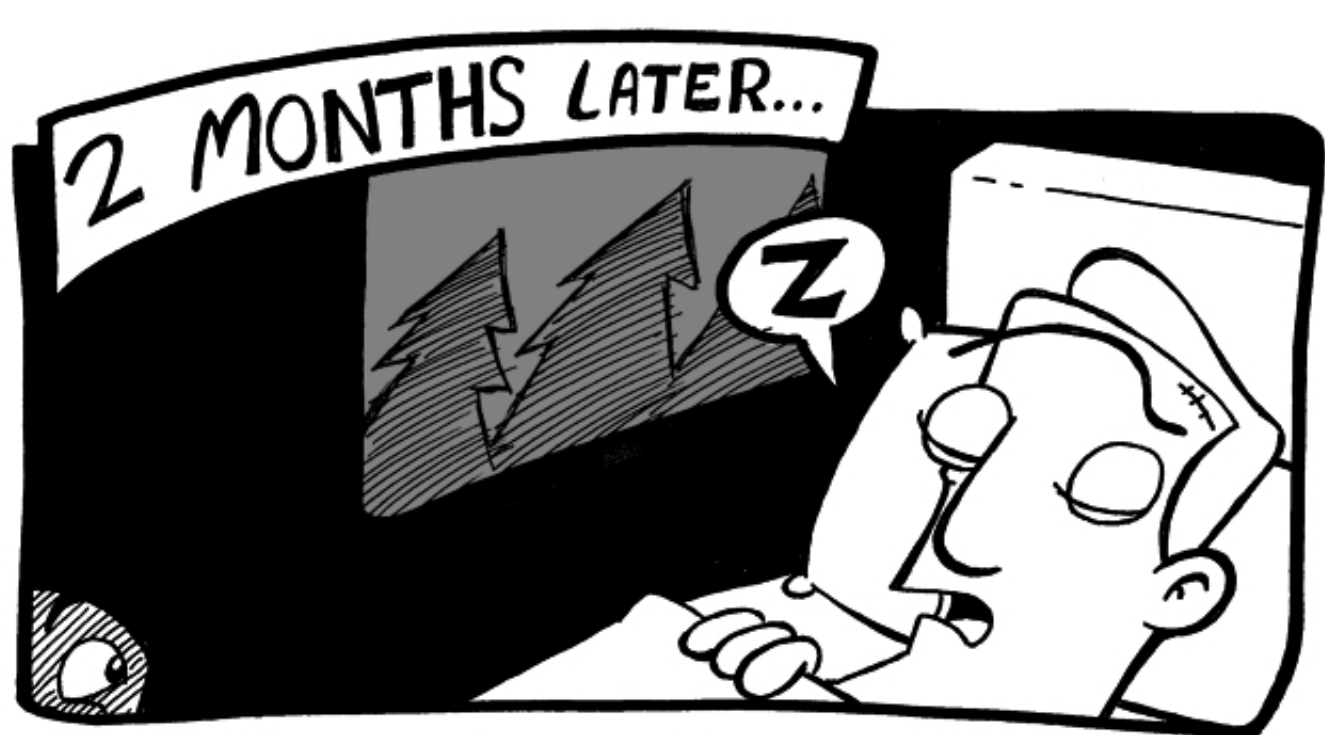
I knew you'd
have my back.

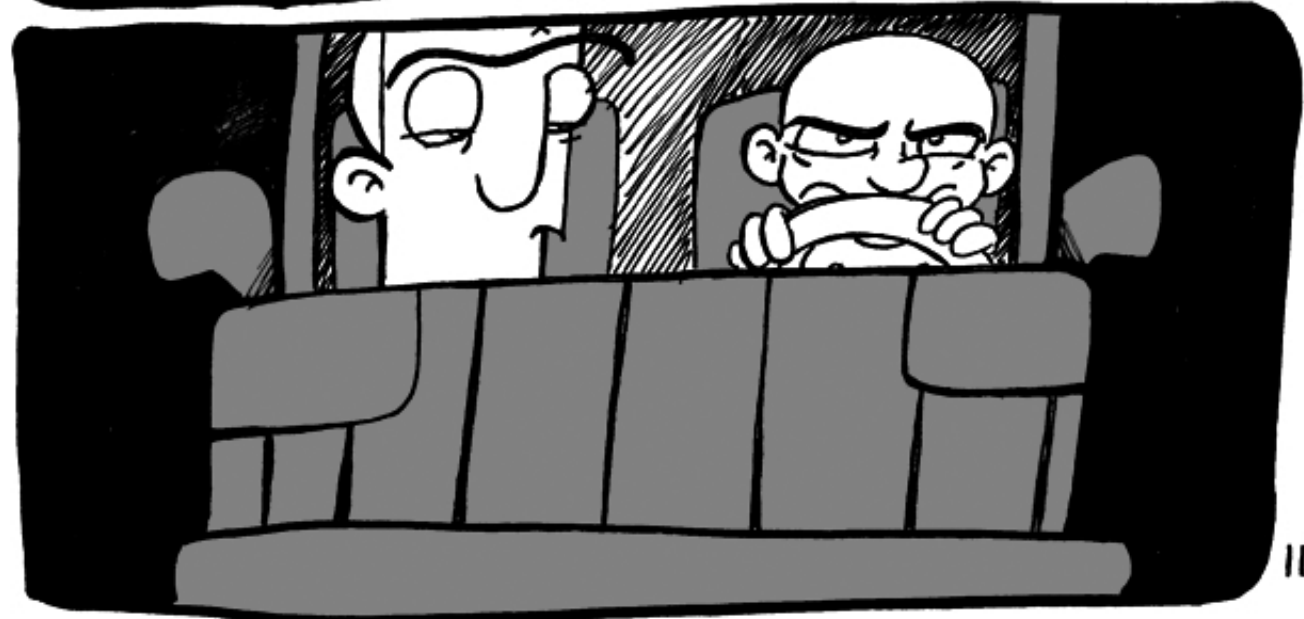


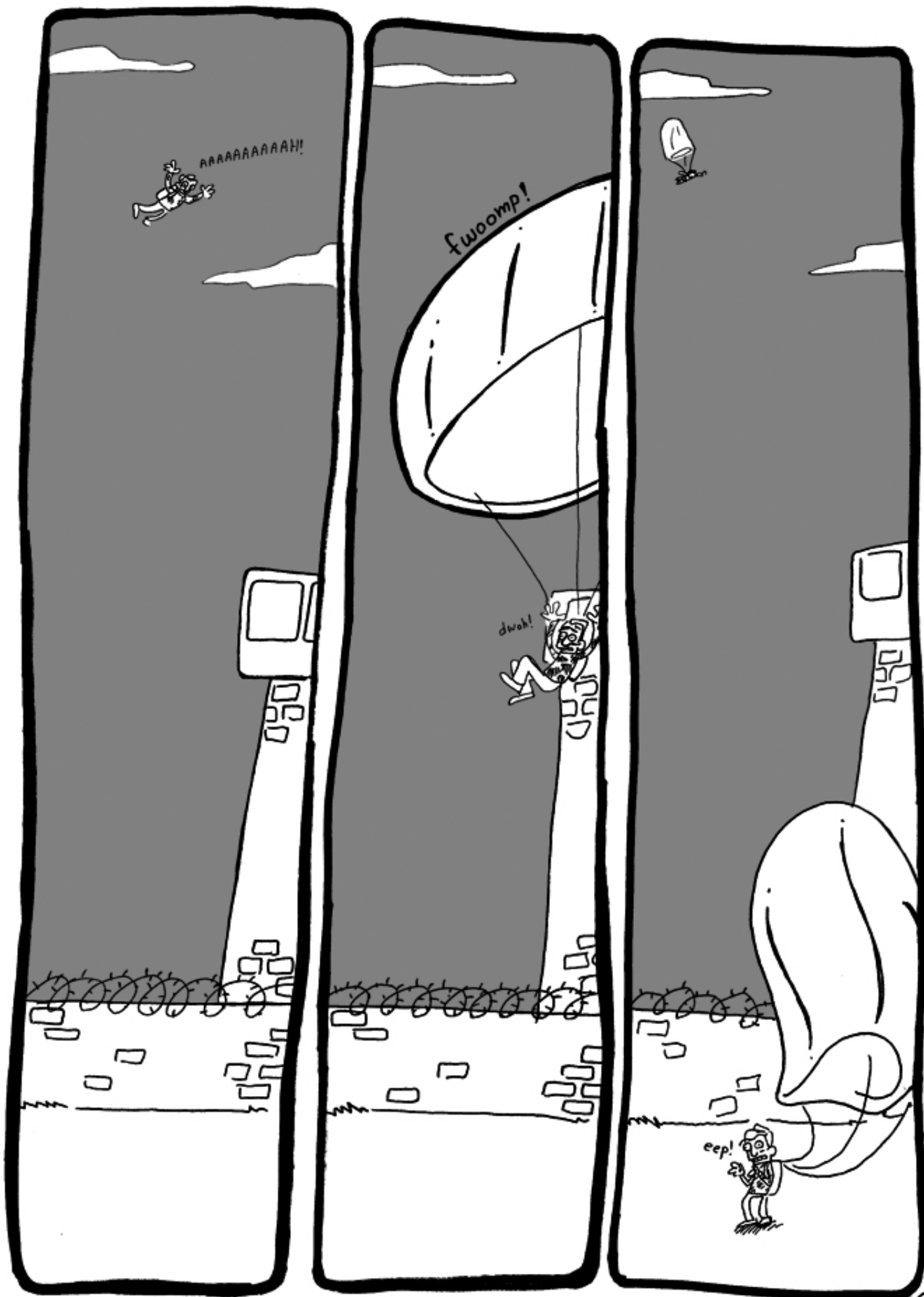
C'mon, after
all we've been
through?



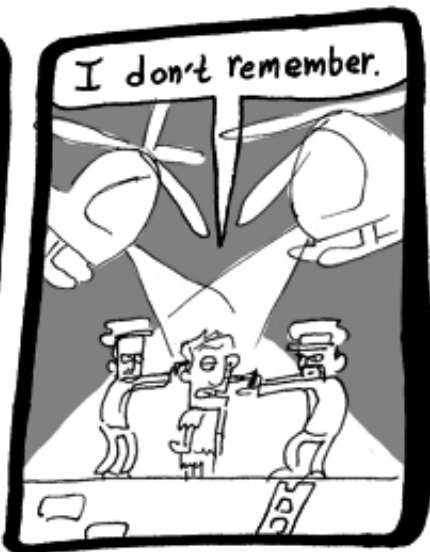
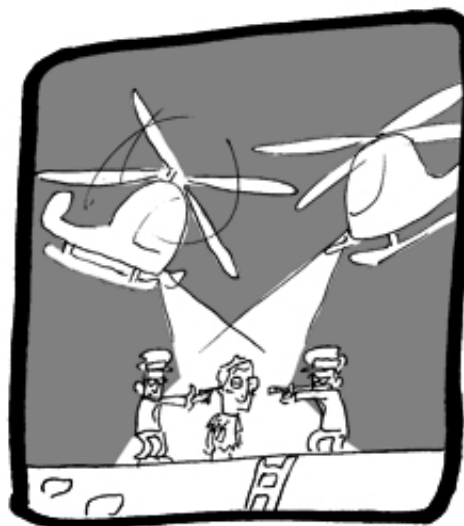
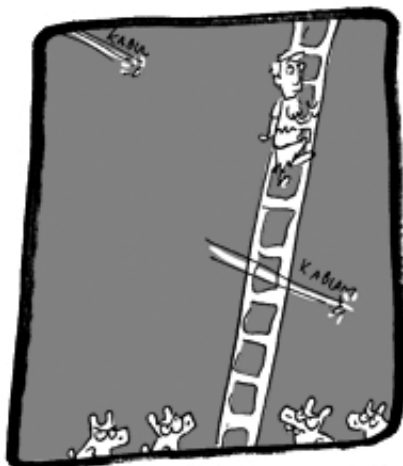
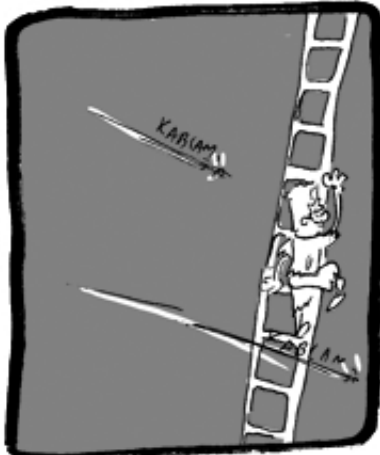
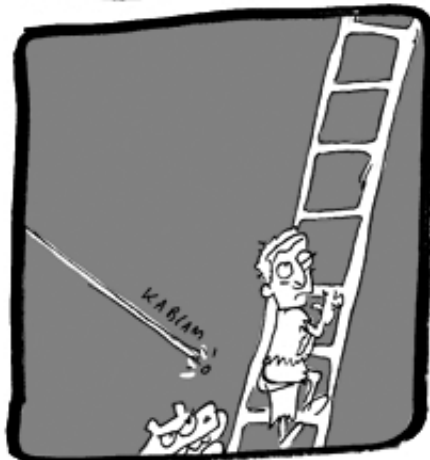
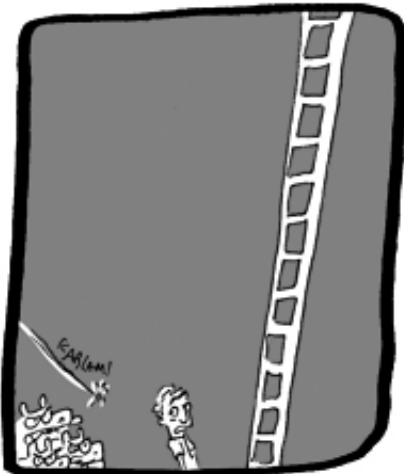




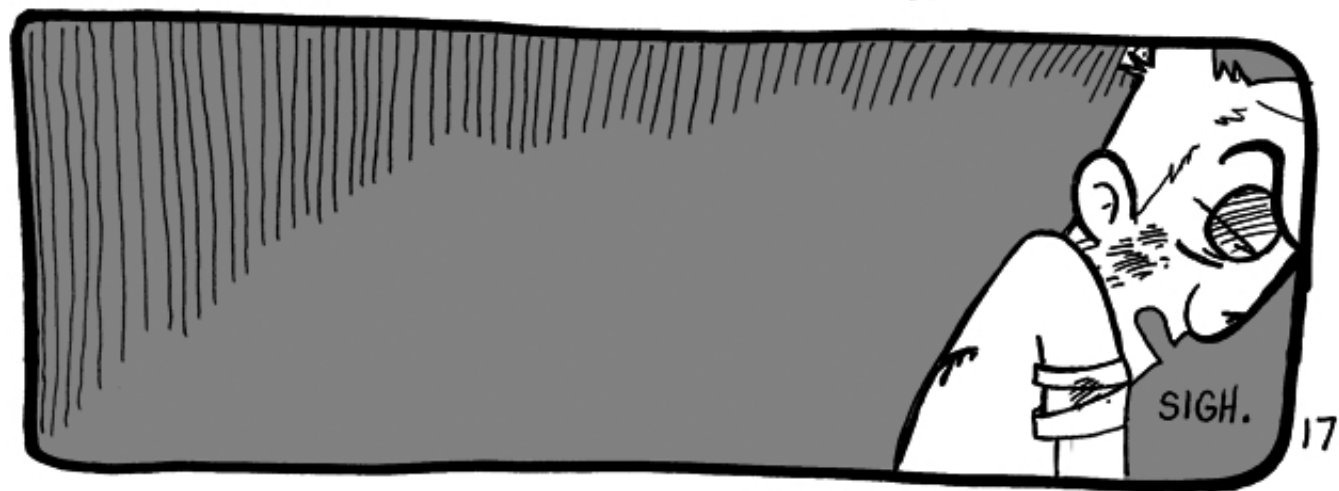


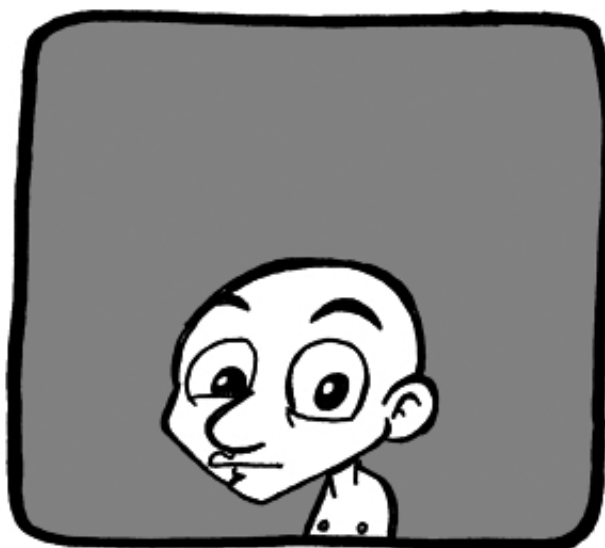












4 weeks later...

I'm Rick Rogers
from the US embassy.
Don't get up.

Now, I just wanna ask
you a question real quick.

when I walked
in here just now,
was I walking
funny at all?

... Because if I was
walking funny at all
just now, I can explain
why.

Because thanks to you, I have
a long line of irate world leaders
crawlin' up my butt.

Now, I don't mean to imply that there aren't those who are happy about this. The families of the P.O.W.'s your friend set free are just pleased as punch.

P.O.W.s?

And the press... they're having a field day. They're having a party in the street in your honor with balloons, and not one but three clowns.

But me....
I'm not happy.



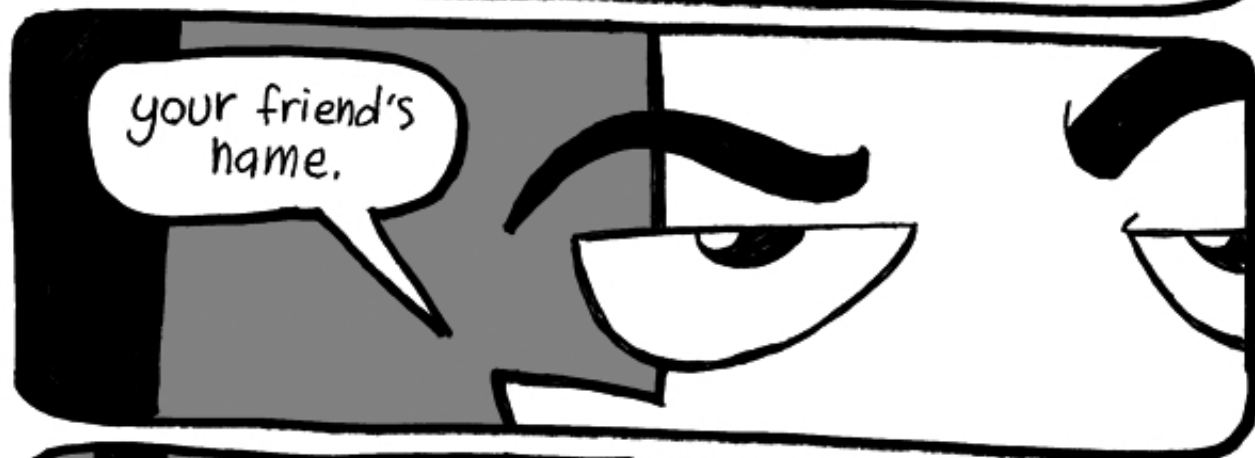
A certain South American dictator is unhappy because it's embarrassing when a man you've never even heard of breaks into your top prison and sets free a cell full of media darlings, then escapes before you can so much as get his name.

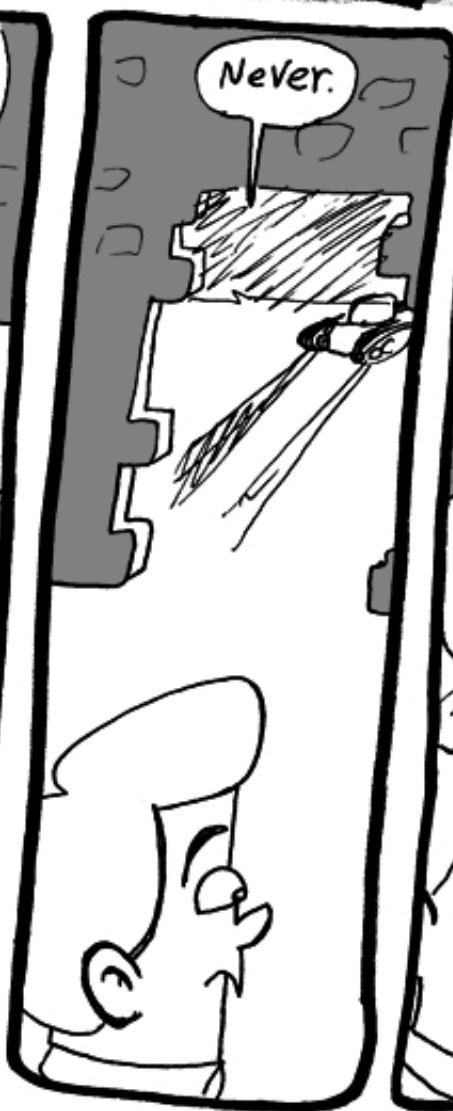
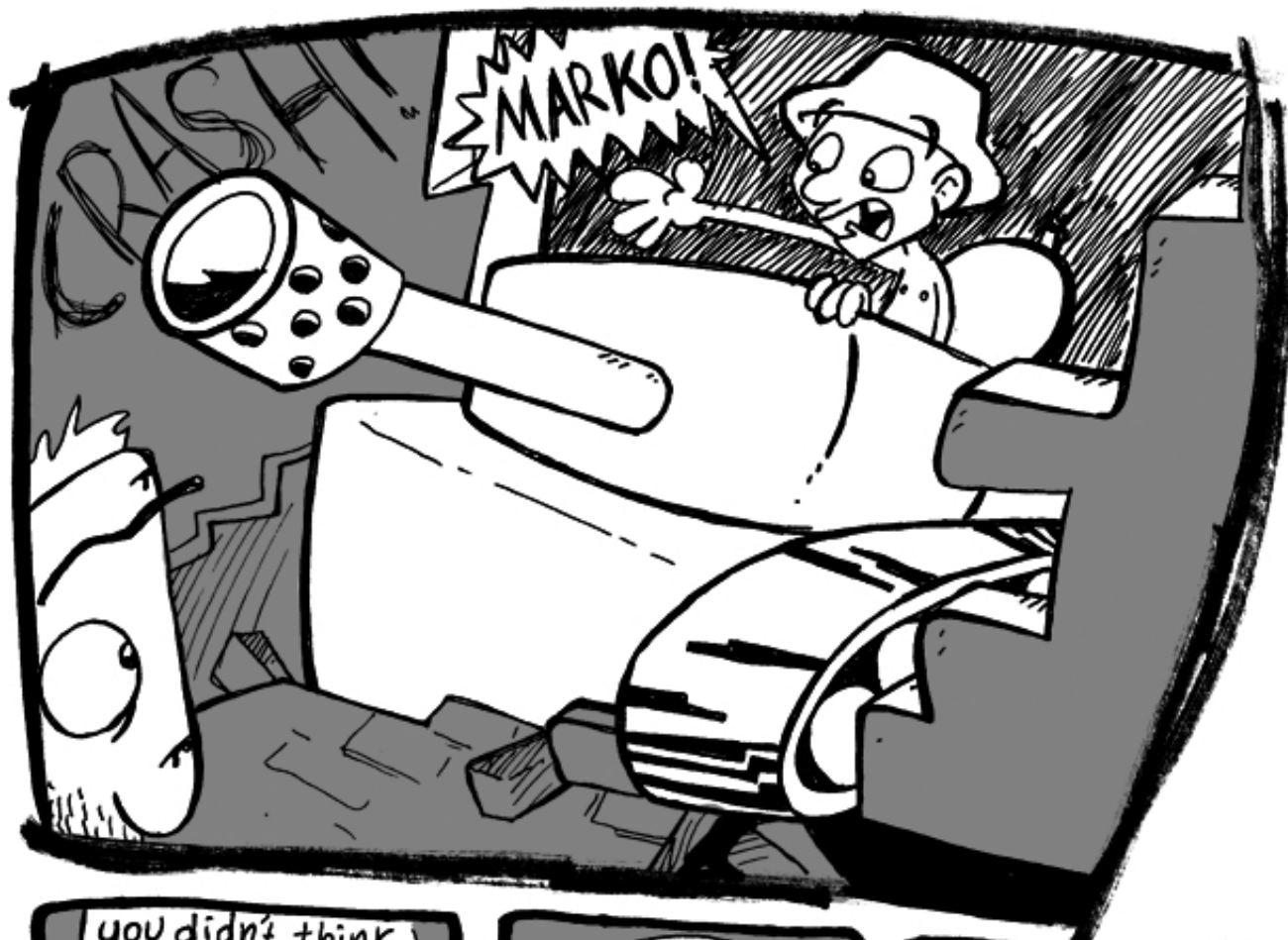


A certain U.S. President is unhappy because after six years of peaceful negotiations to find a diplomatic solution, a couple of unnamed guerillas get all the glory and he gets stuck with another political disaster to deal with.



And I'm unhappy because when those two are unhappy, it's my butt they crawl up.





5 minutes later

Marko, you remember Strike Force, Gazebo and Tank, right?

Sure, why not

It was good to see you again Marko,

Thanks for all your help, man.

It's about time we get you home.

Look, Marko... this is hard, but... we've got a lot of dangerous work to do, and a lot of wrongs to right.

I think for your own safety it'd.... it'd be best if you forgot you ever knew us.



topic suggested by Tuli.

All of the horrors.....

the near extinction of the human race



the monsters taking control



the wars



the plagues



these are all fact.

.... but could the prophecy
be true?





**IN THIS, THE FINAL
MOMENT OF MY LIFE**
(THE FINAL MOMENT OF EVERYTHING)
I WONDER, JUST HOW DID
A COFFEE CUP DESTROY EXISTENCE?

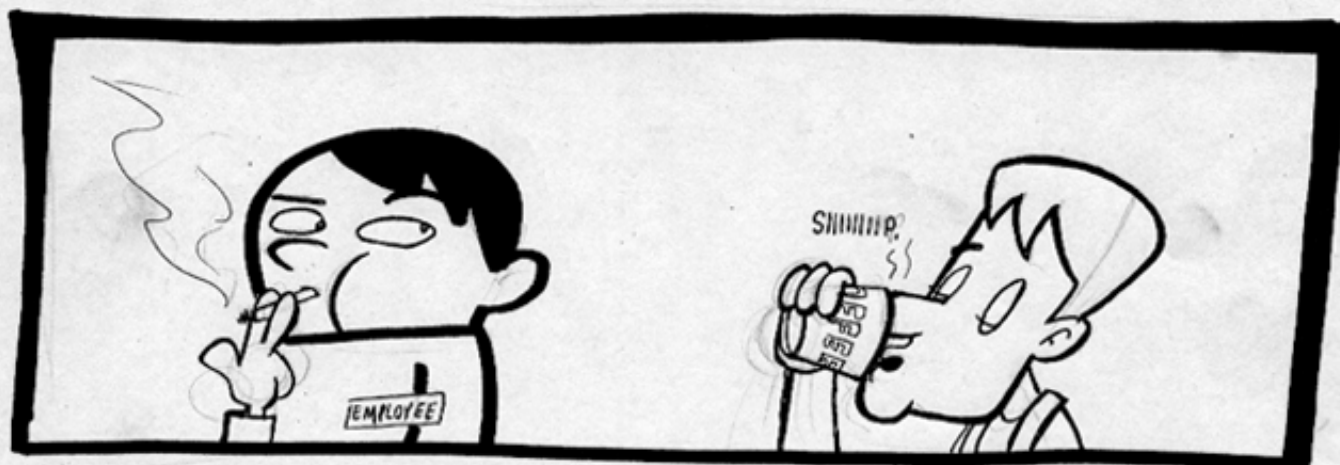
ENDING IT ALL

THE COFFEE CUP THAT DESTROYED EVERYTHING

A
72
HOUR
COMIC
BY
Ryan Estrada

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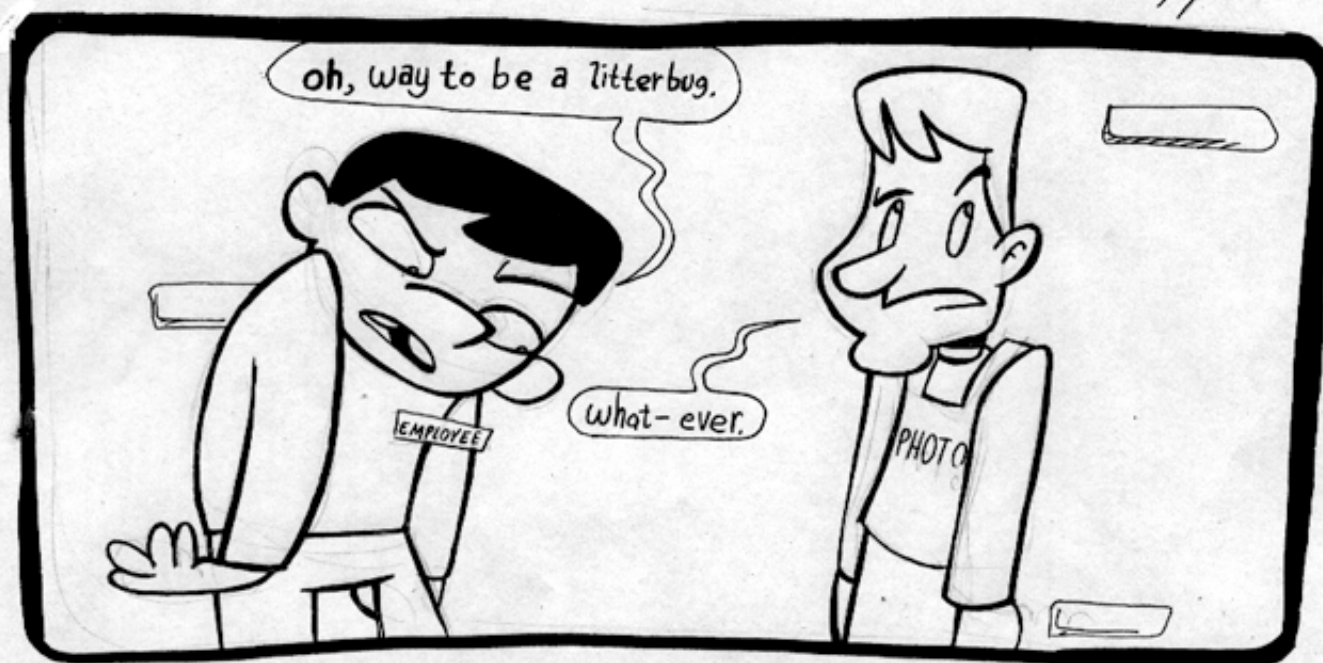
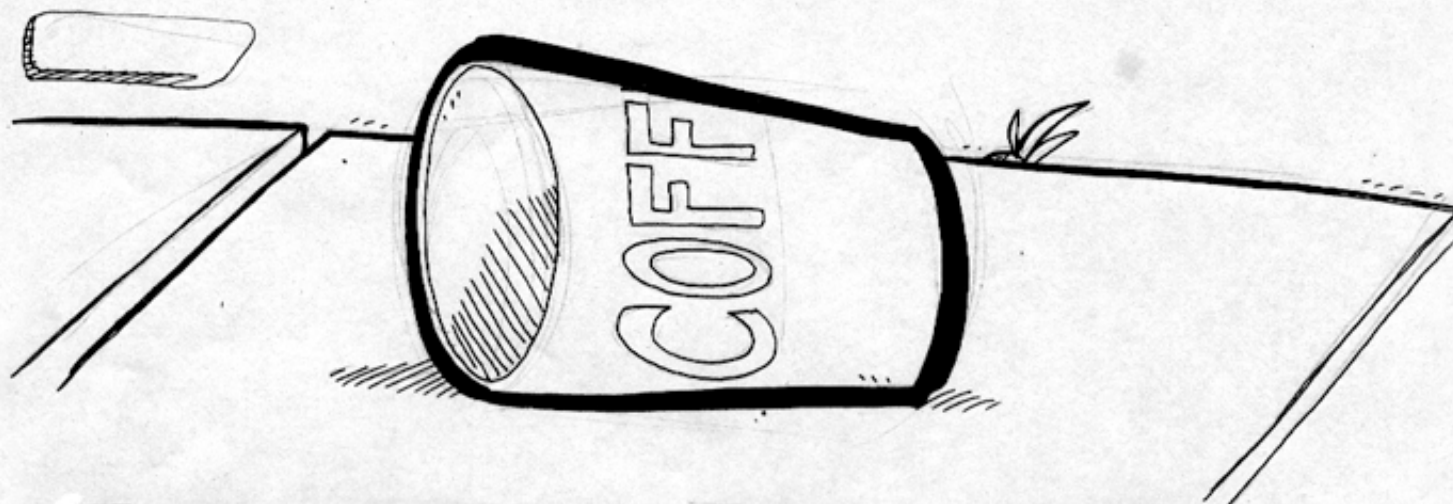


Well, break time's over.

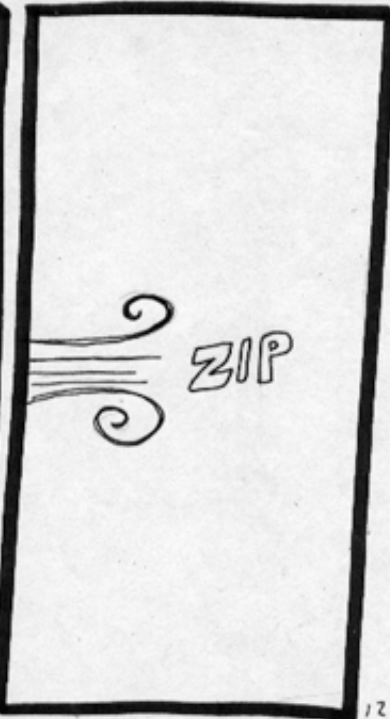


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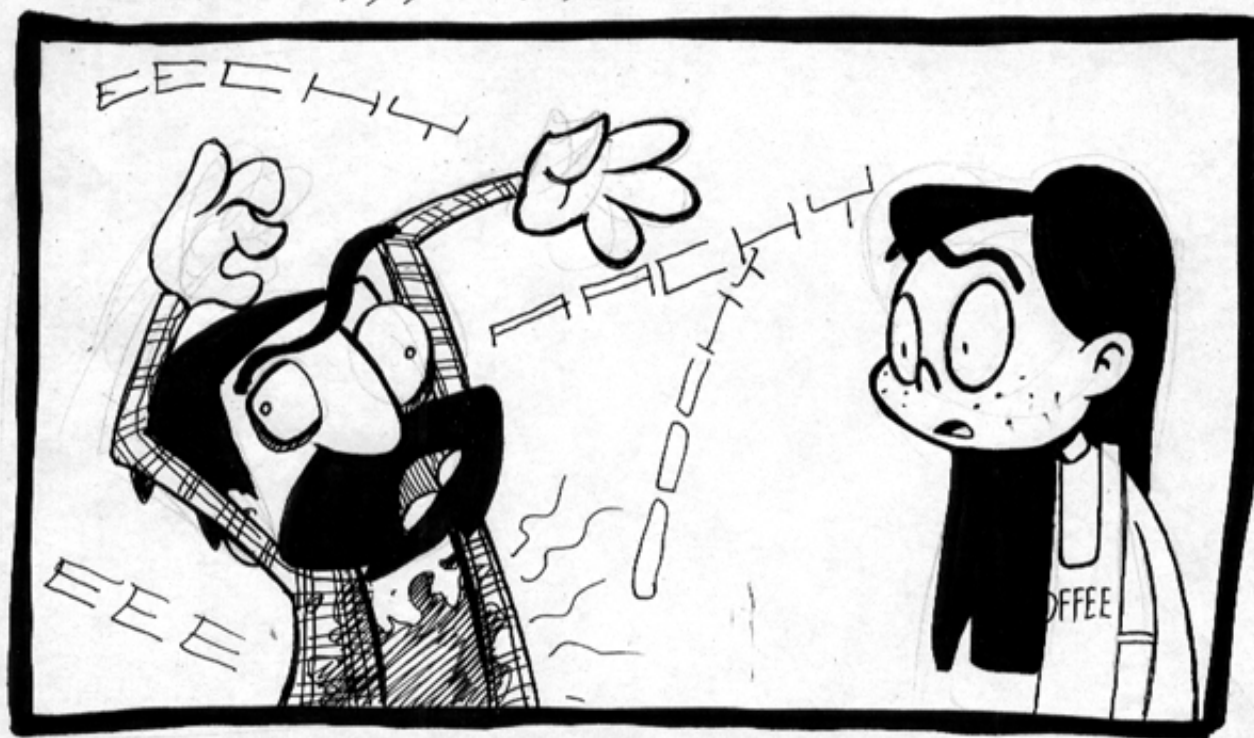














IN COURT.....



THE FRONT PAGE

HOMELESS MAN HITS BIG

WINS SUIT AGAINST NAT'L COFFEE

A JUDGE HAS RULED IN FAVOR OF A LOCAL HOMELESS MAN IN HIS CASE AGAINST NATIONAL COFFEE AFTER EMPLOYEE NEGLIGENCE LEAD TO SEVERE BURNS. HIS ATTORNEY, VANCE VERBRAKKE,

MAINTAINS THAT THE CUP WAS NOT PROPERLY LABELED. THE MAN, WHO HAS LIVED BEHIND A LOCAL K-MART SINCE HIS DISMISSAL FROM BIOTECH SEVEN YEARS AGO, HAS VOWED TO INVEST...



**VOWS TO
INVEST MONEY
INTO SCIENCE**

SEE COFFEE CUP, C72







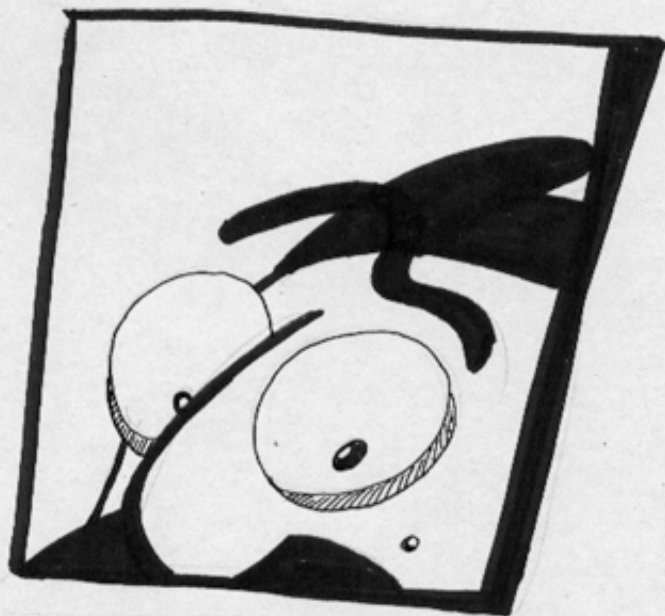


SAY!

I'M RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT NEXT ELECTION, AND I'M LOOKING FOR LARGE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN POLITICS?

I don't think so....



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN MAKING LARGE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR POLITICAL POWER?



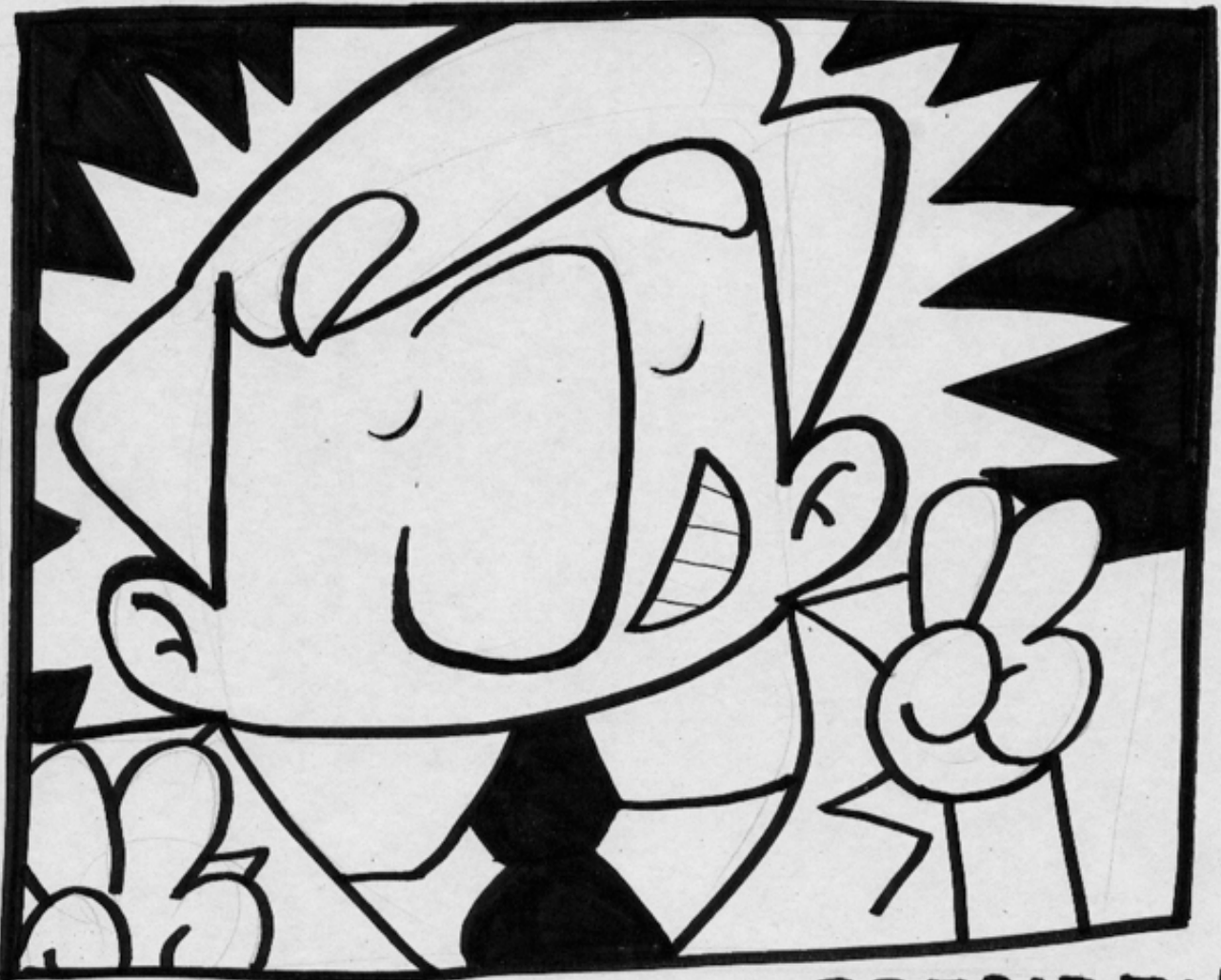
I dunno.



BIG NEWS

THREE YEARS LATER EDITION

ELECTION SPECIAL



GOVERNOR NOW PRESIDENT
TOTALLY WON ELECTION

MR. PRESIDENT, THIS EVENING
SOMEONE FROM THE LINE OF SUCCESSION
HAS TO STAY BEHIND.....



this is an important
address! I want
everyone there!

But...



SAY! What about
that freaky guy?

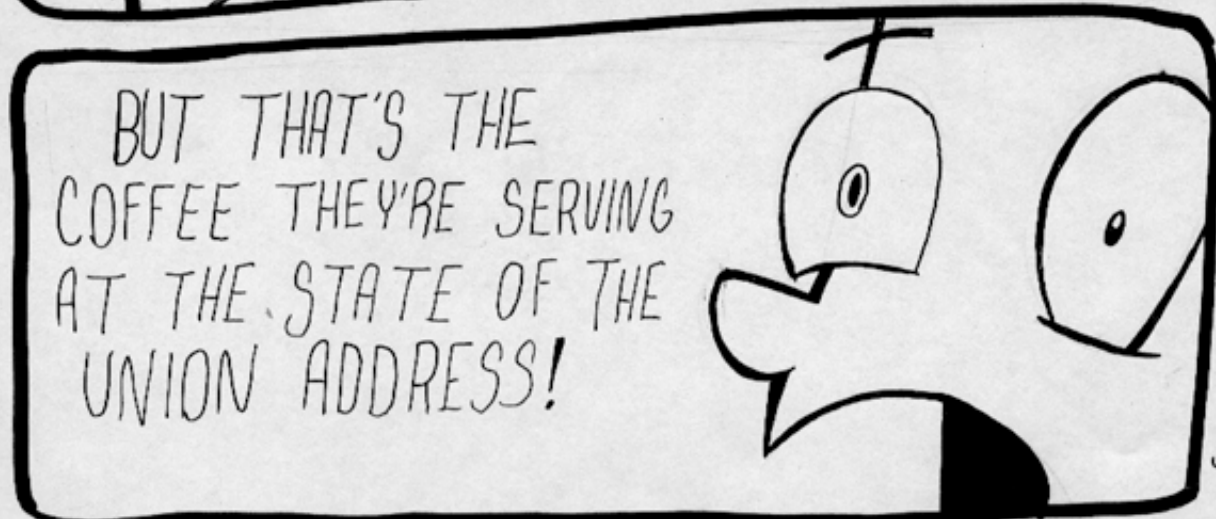
the secretary
of experimental
science?



THAT'S THE GUY!
HE CREEPS ME OUT.
MAKE HIM STAY.



that night





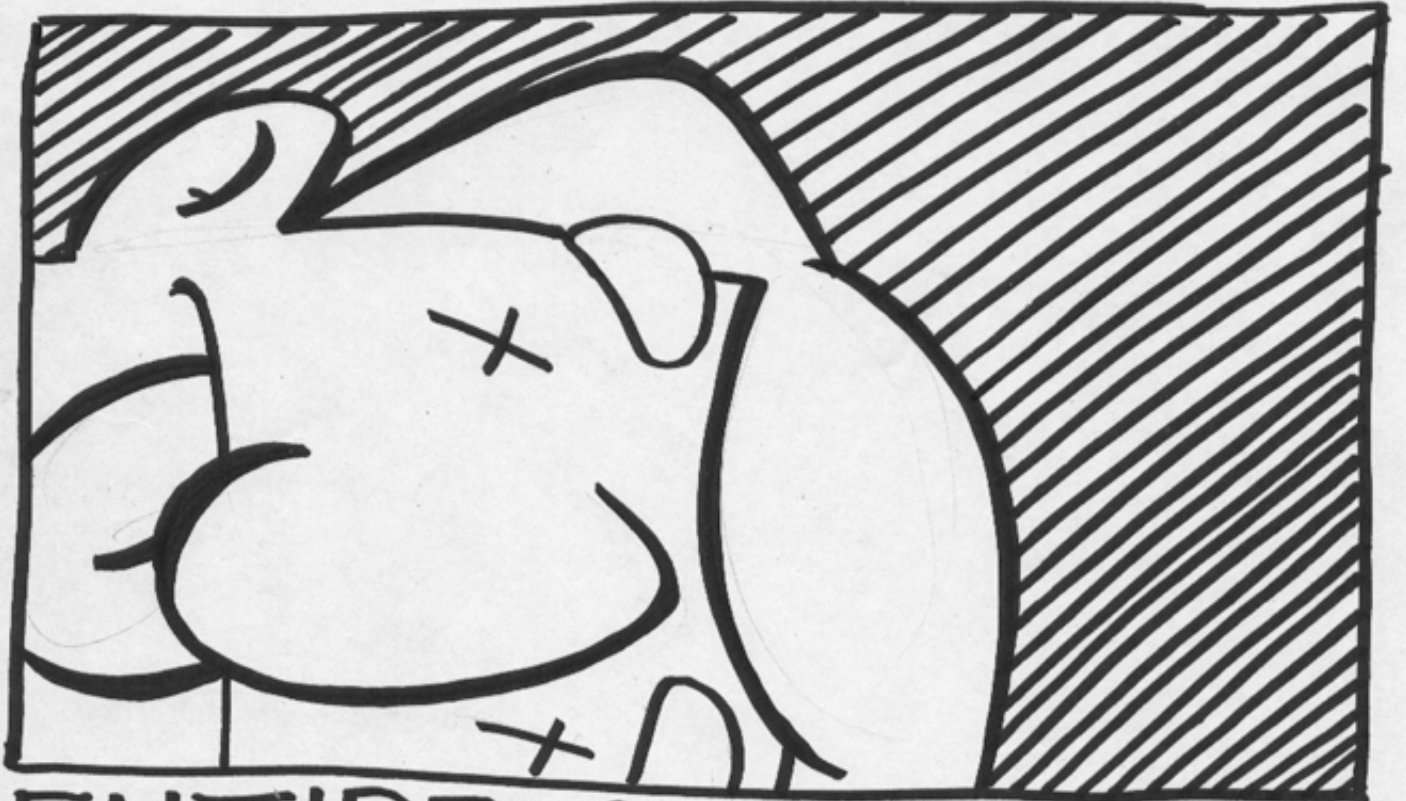
MY FELLOW
CITIZENS...



URP....

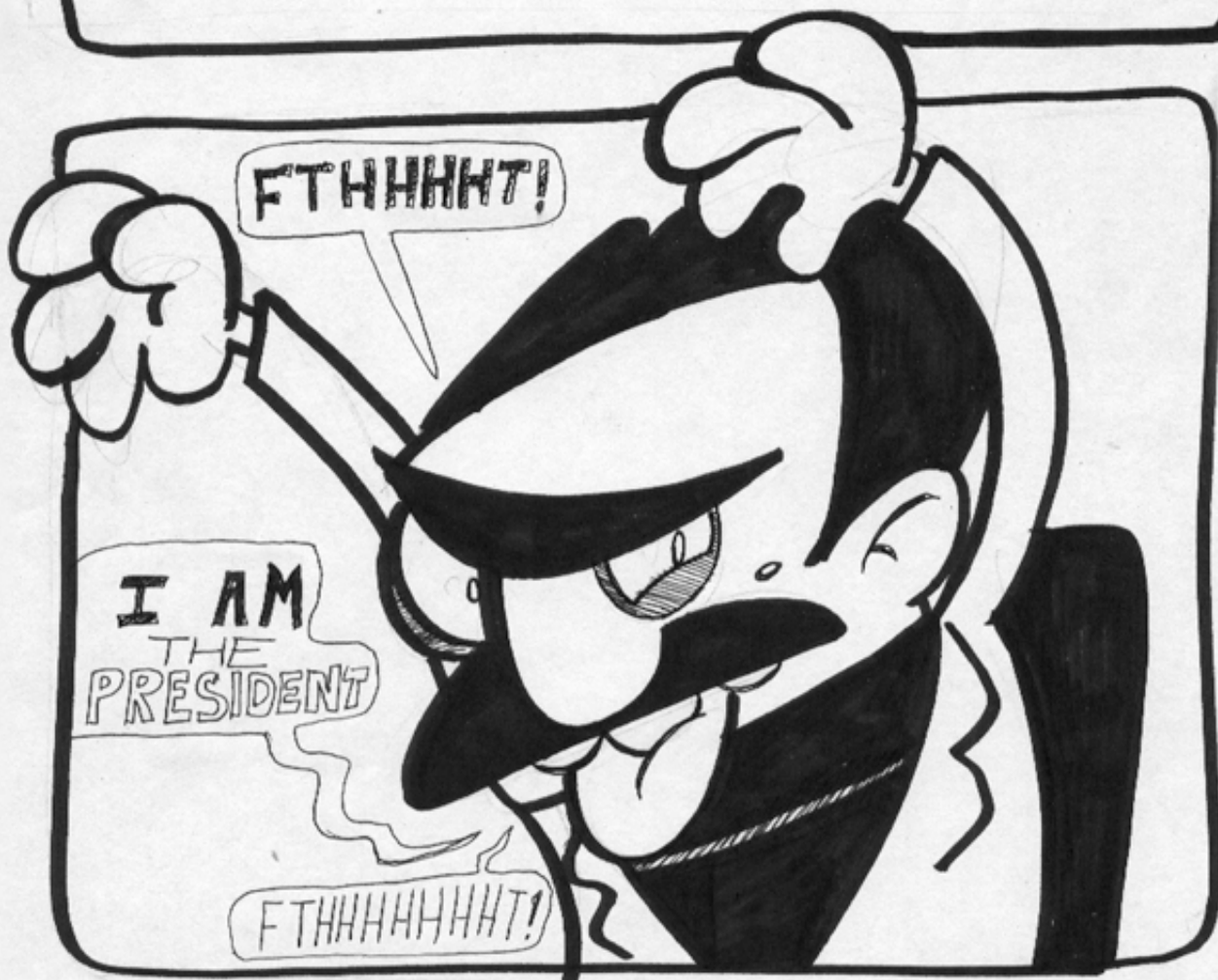


TOP STORY



ENTIRE GOVERNMENT DEAD
DUDE, THAT'S, LIKE ... WHOAH.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



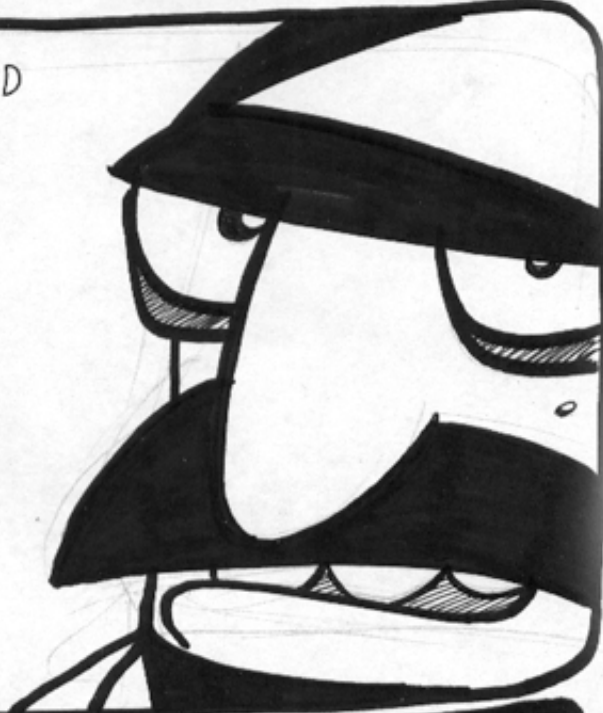
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
OF THE JURY. THIS VERY
AFTERNOON YOUR
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
AND ALL DECENT
SUCCESSORS WERE
KILLEDED.



MY FABULOUS WEALTH
AND POLITICAL CONNECTIONS
HAVE SEEN TO IT THAT
I AM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

LAST YEAR, CONGRESS PASSED
"THE NATIONAL
CRISIS ACT"

WHICH STATED IN A STATE OF
CRISIS, THE PRESIDENT HAS THE
RIGHT TO REMAIN IN OFFICE
AS LONG AS IS NECESSARY TO
RESOLVE THE CRISIS, AND CAN
UTILIZE THE NATIONAL
DEFENSE BUDGET HOWEVER
HE DEEMS NECESSARY
WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL
APPROVAL.



THEREFORE, UNTIL
YOUR FORMER PRESIDENT
IS NO LONGER DEAD,
I WILL STAY HERE
AND SPEND YOUR
TAX DOLLARS AS I
SEE FIT.

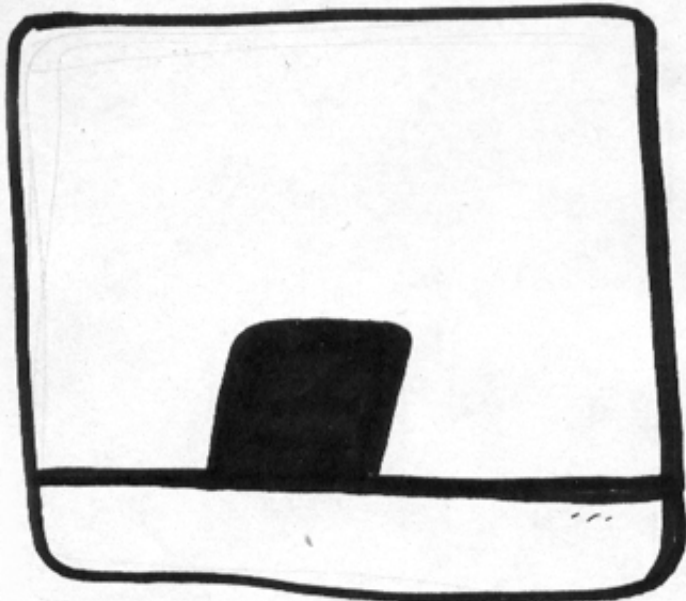
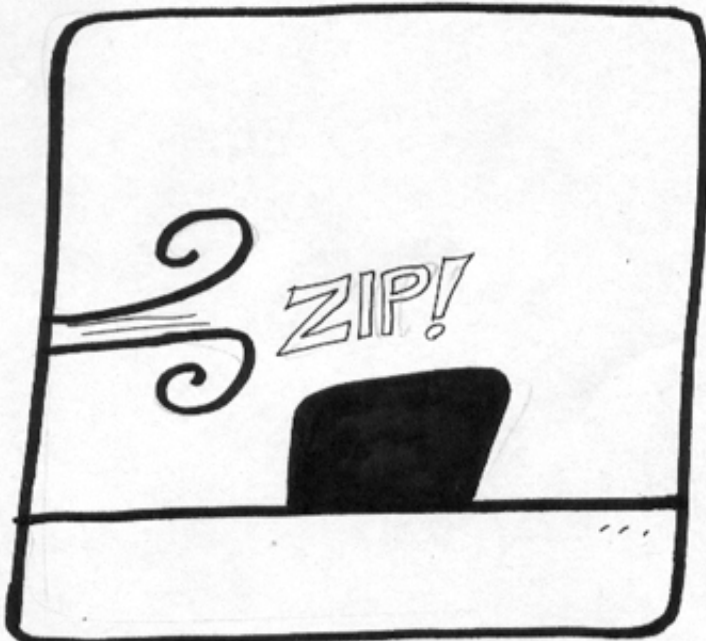
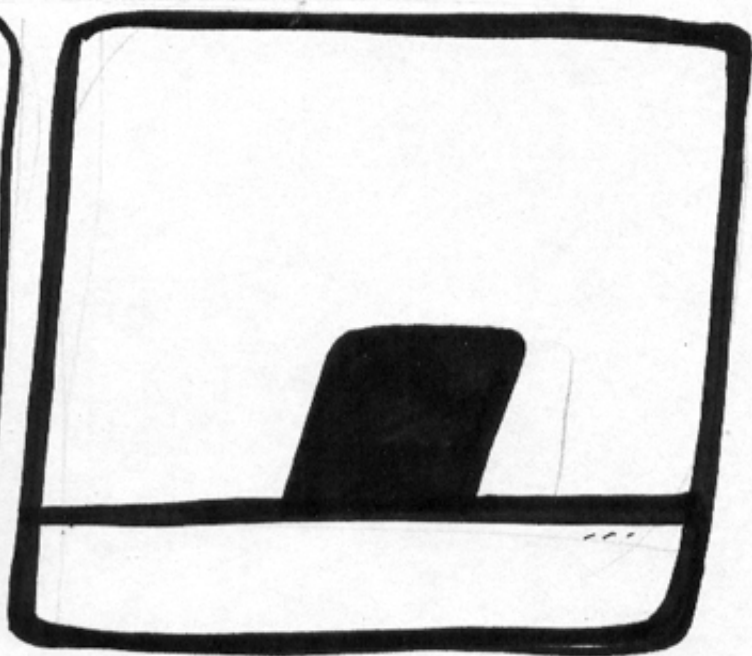


I HAVE DECIDED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO PUT AN END TO WAR IS TO STOP SPENDING MONEY ON WAR. SO FROM NOW ON, ALL FUNDS THAT WOULD HAVE GONE INTO NATIONAL DEFENSE WILL NOW BE CHanneled INTO A MUCH MORE VALUABLE PROJECT.

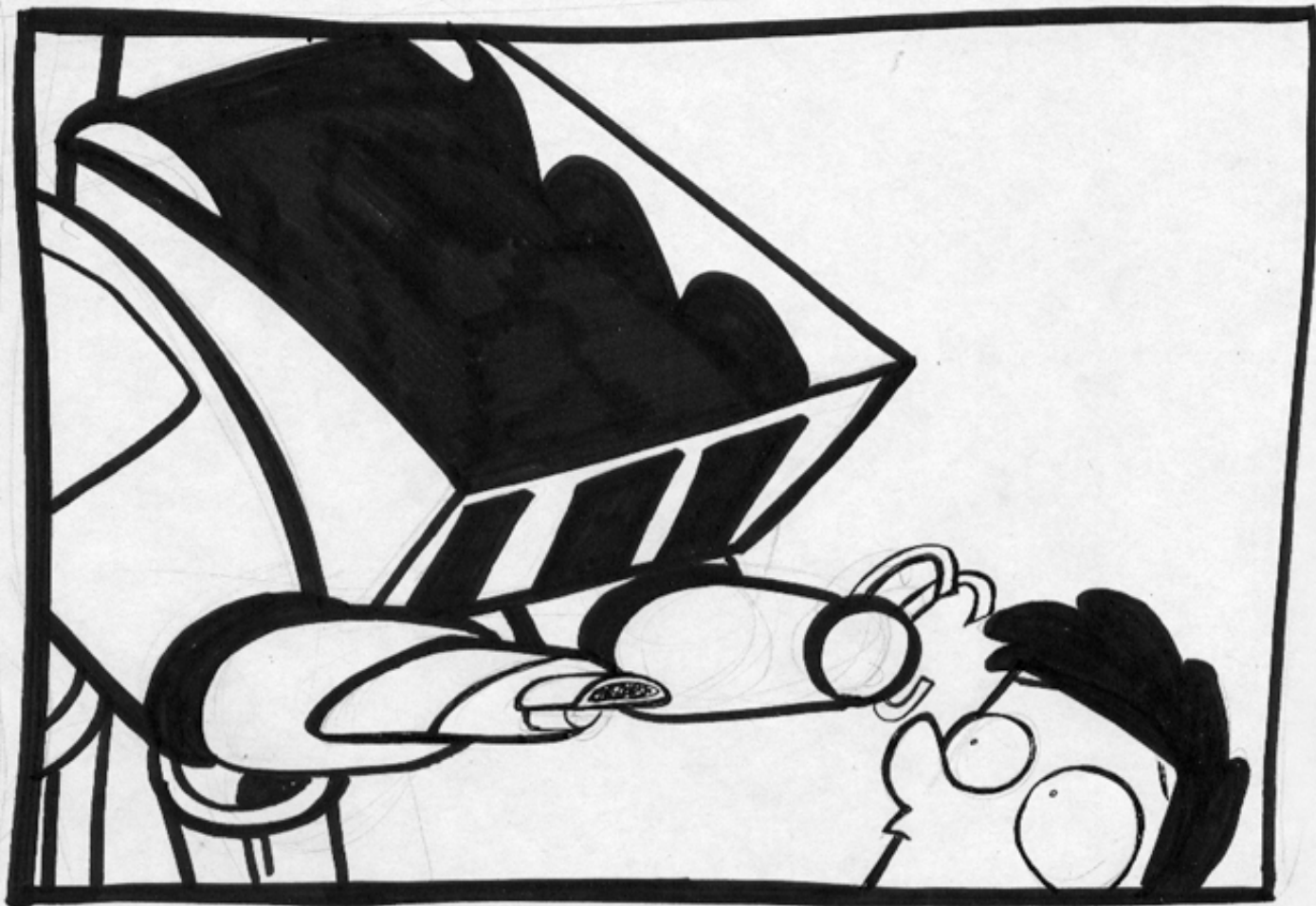


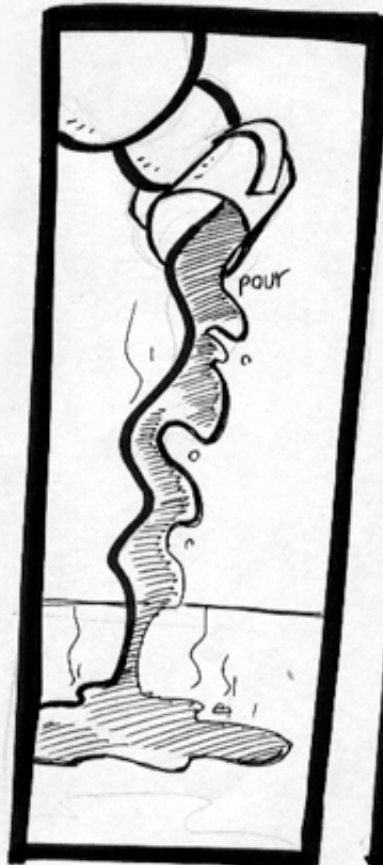
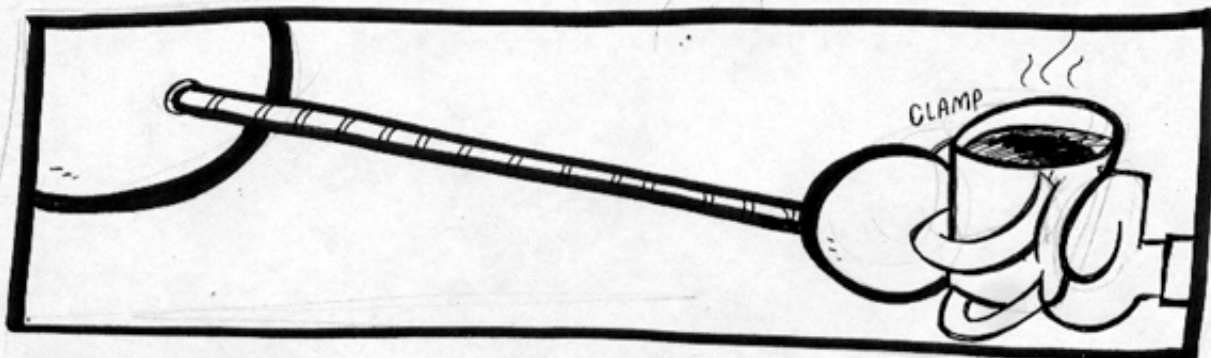
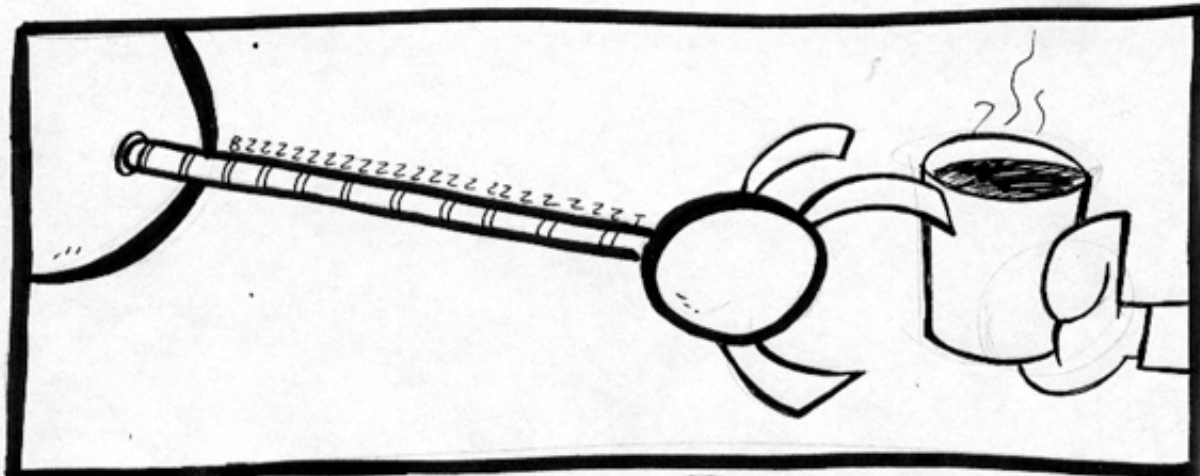
developing
a race of
lizard-men.

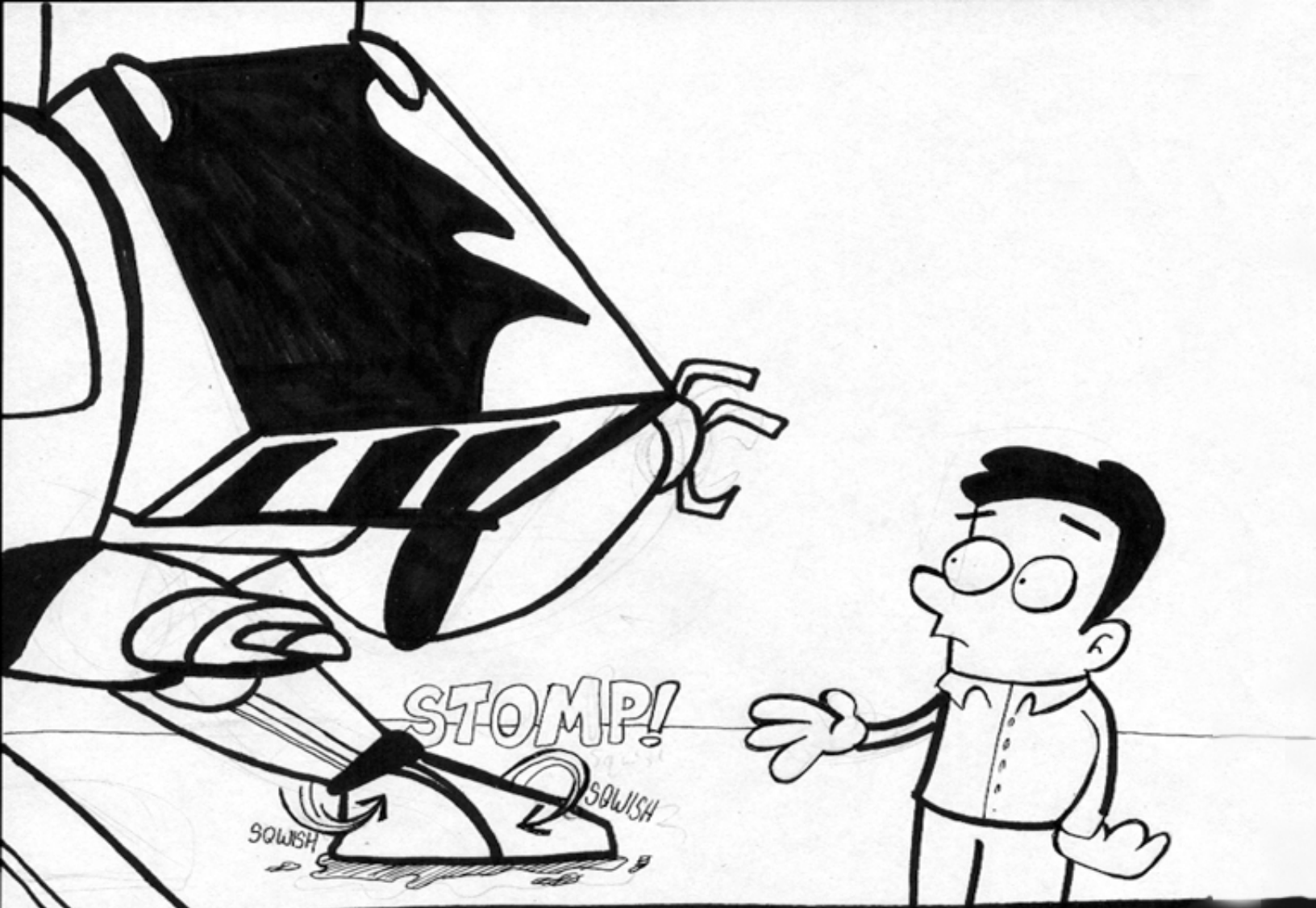














THIS
JUST
IN!

EVIL
ROBOTS
FROM THE
FUTURE
ATTACK



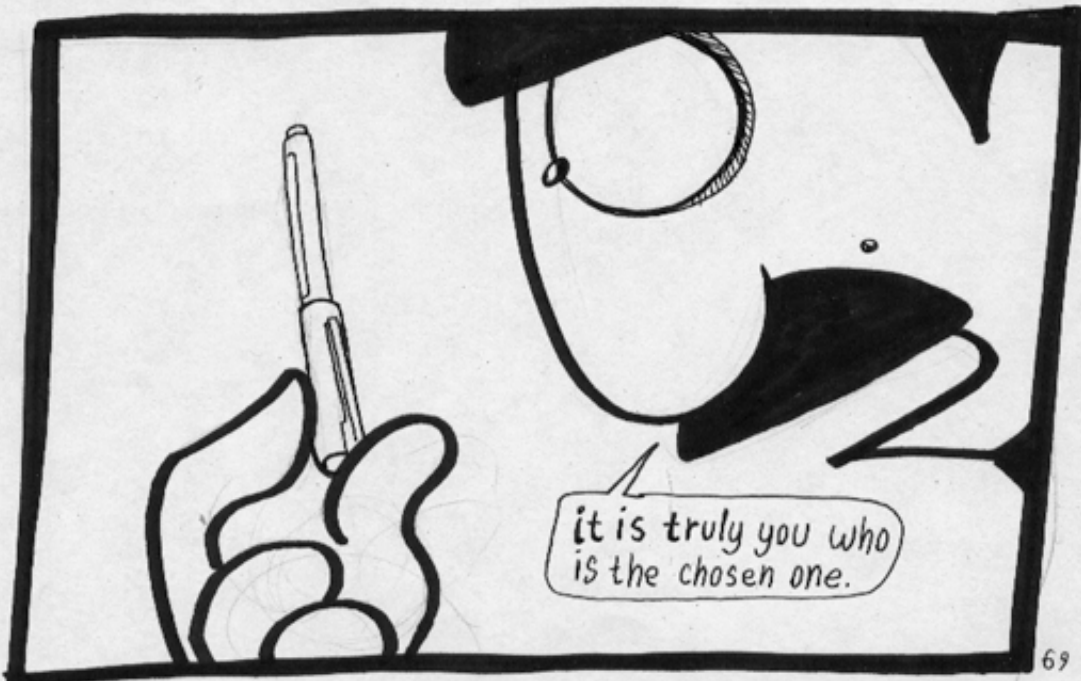
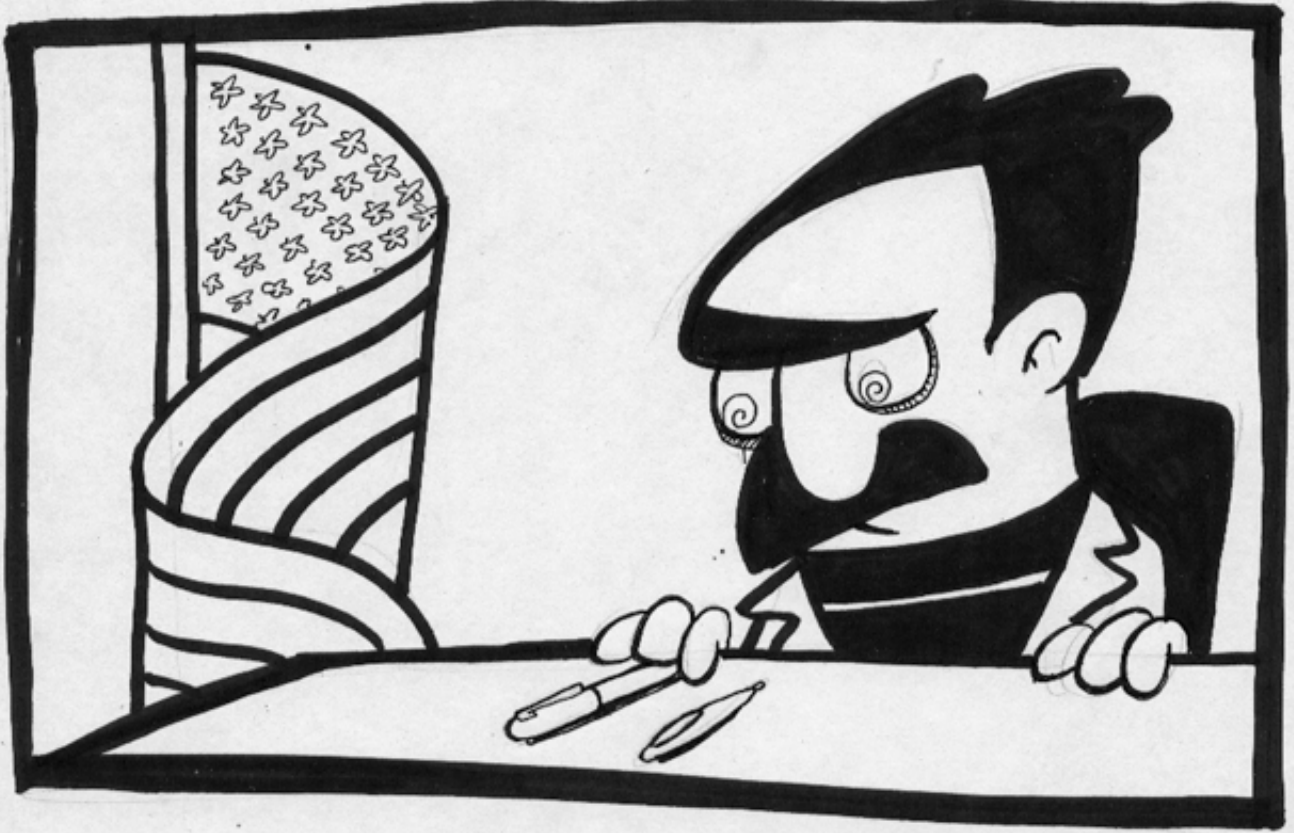
CARNAGE

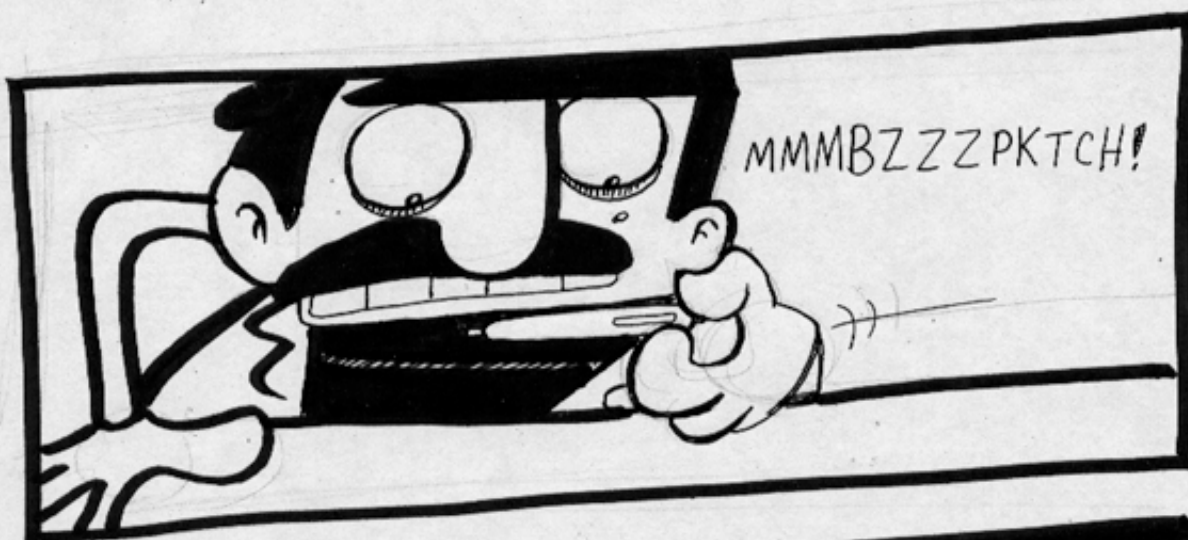
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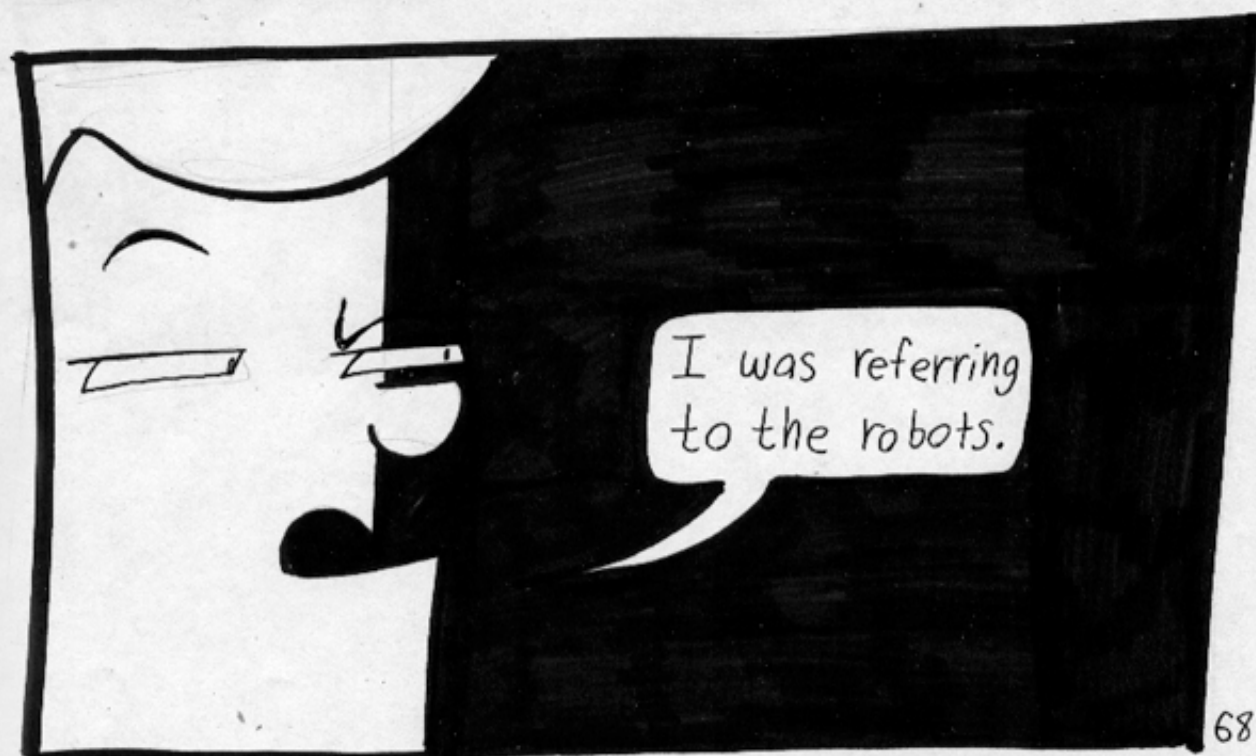
YOUR FAMILY AT
RISK!

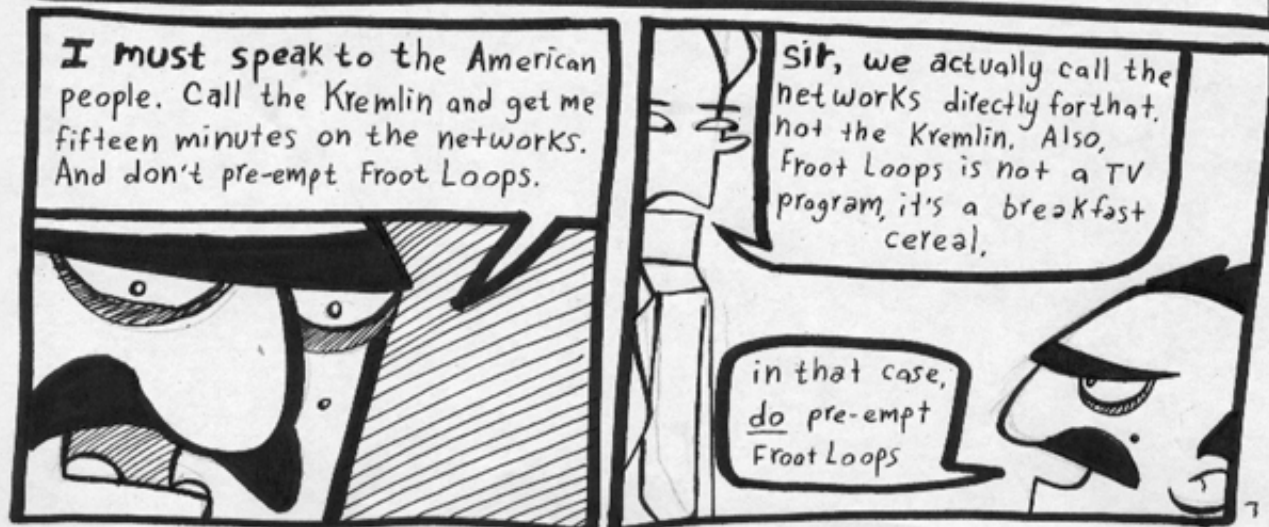
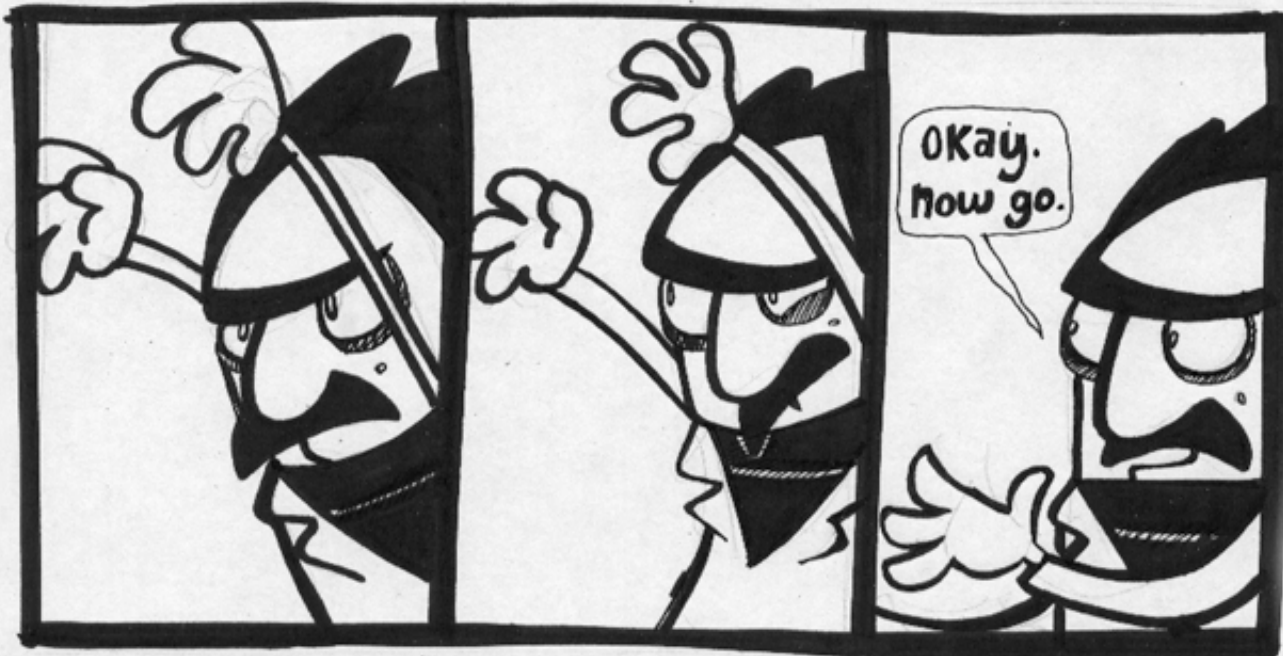


HIDE YOUR
COFFEE MUGS
AND TUNE IN
AT ELEVEN.



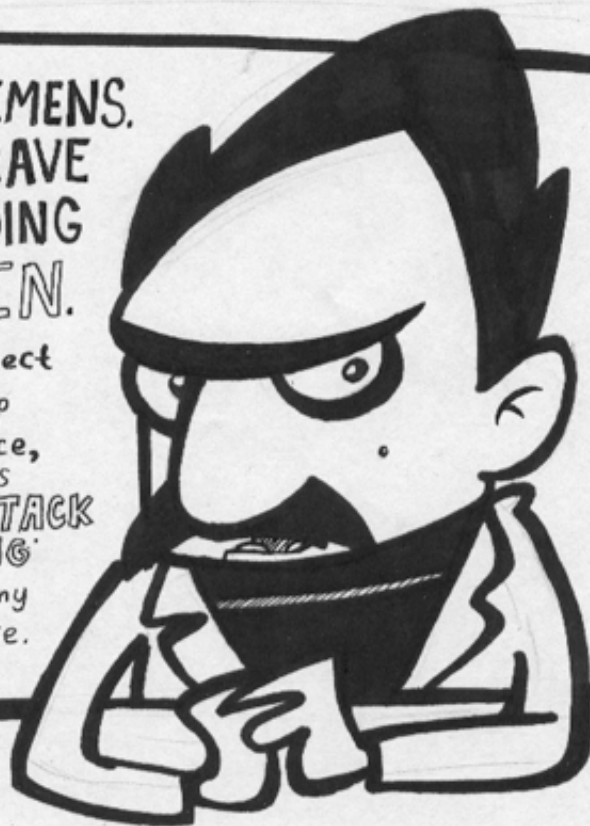






LADIES AND GENTLEMENS.
I HAVE MADE A GRAVE
MISTAKE IN FUNDING
THE LIZARD MEN.

while the lizard man project
has been a tremendous jump
forward in the field of science,
the allocation of resources
has left us **UNDER ATTACK**
BY GIANT FREAKING
ROBOTS and without any
sort of national defense.

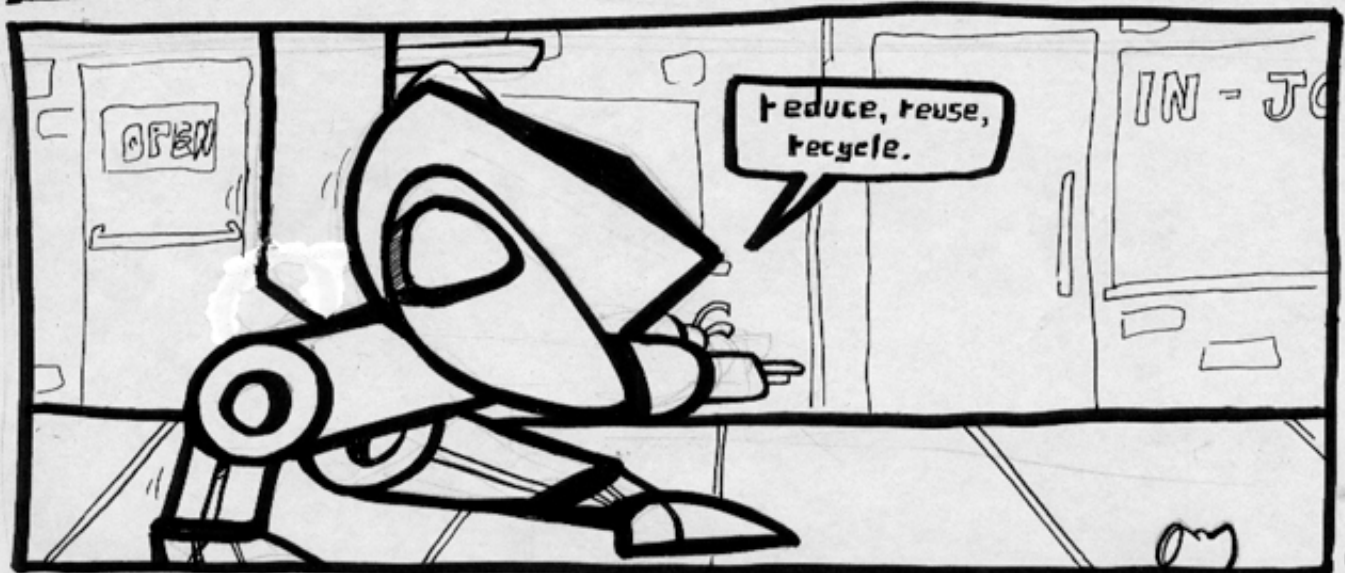
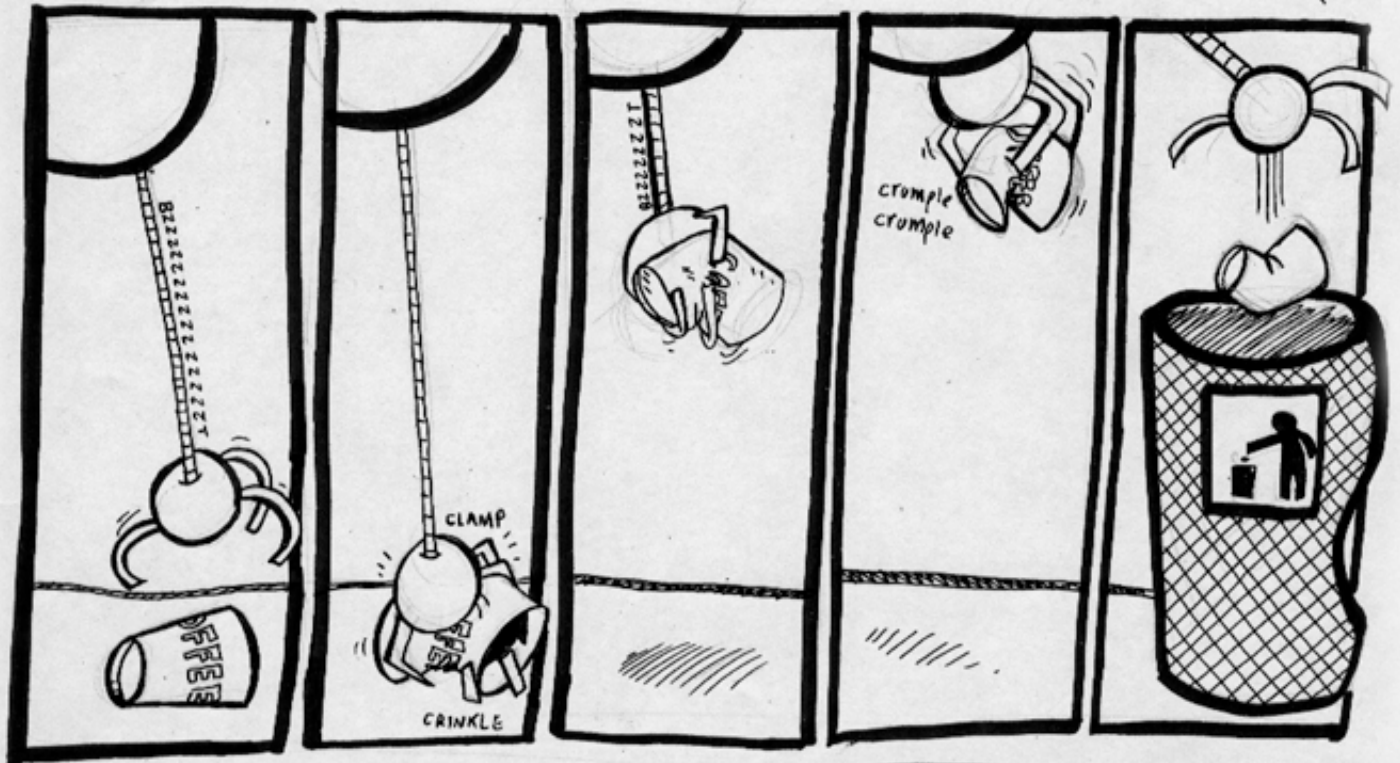
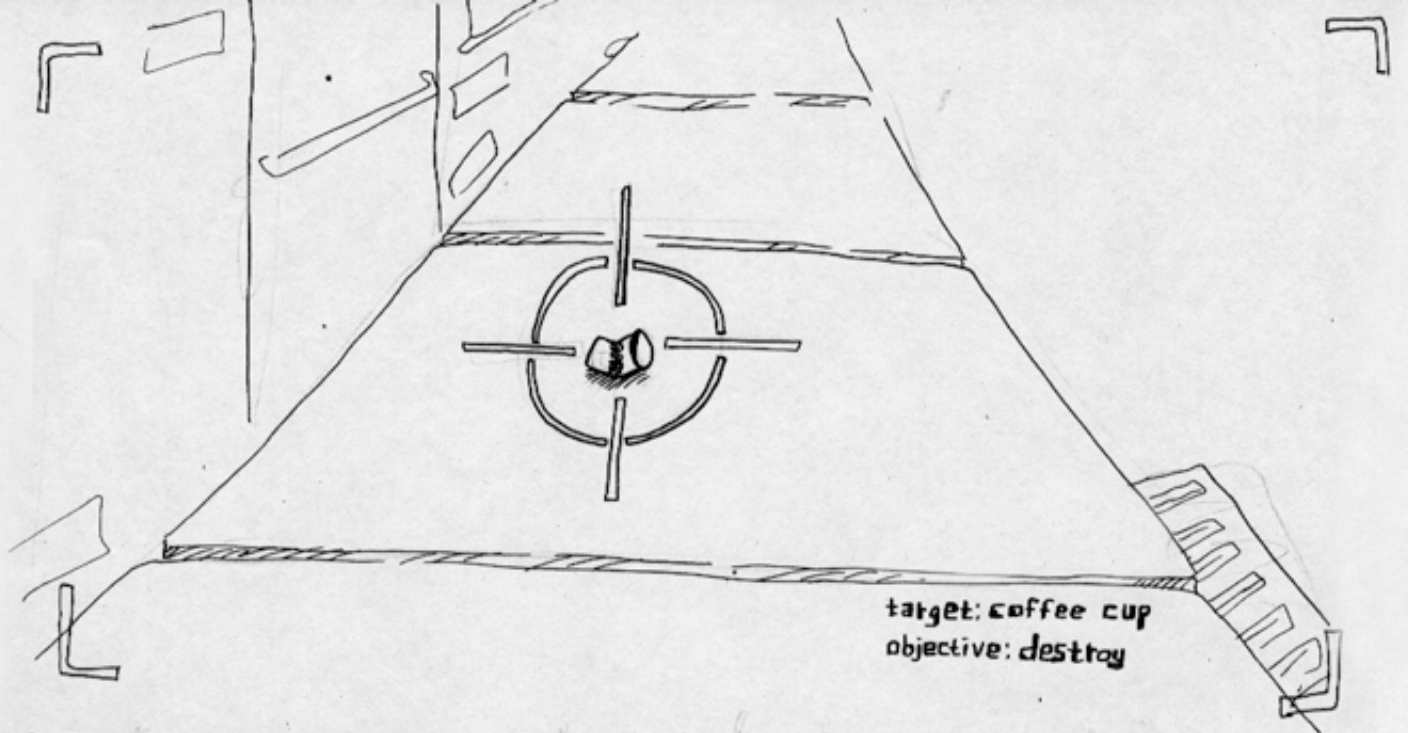


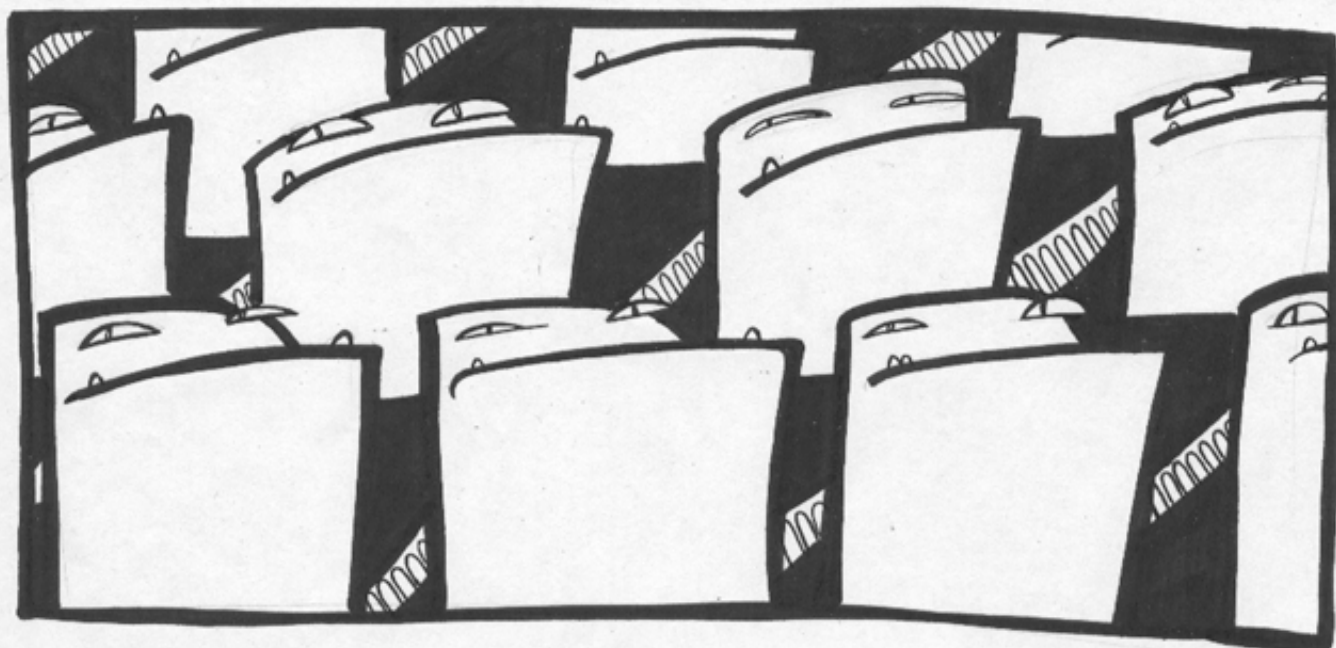
WE HAVE BUT
ONE HOPE FOR
SURVIVAL.



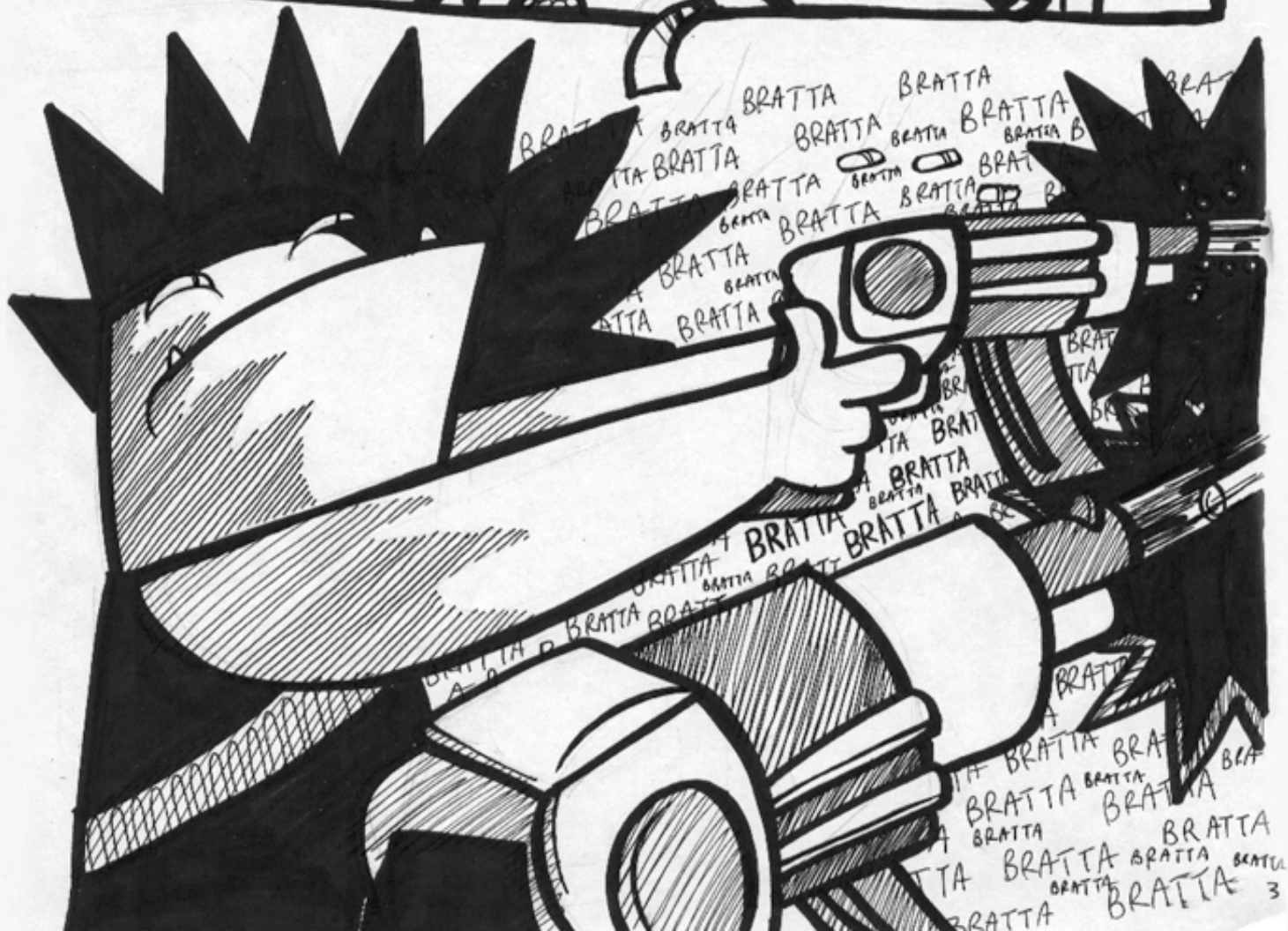
WE MUST ARM THE
LIZARD MEN.

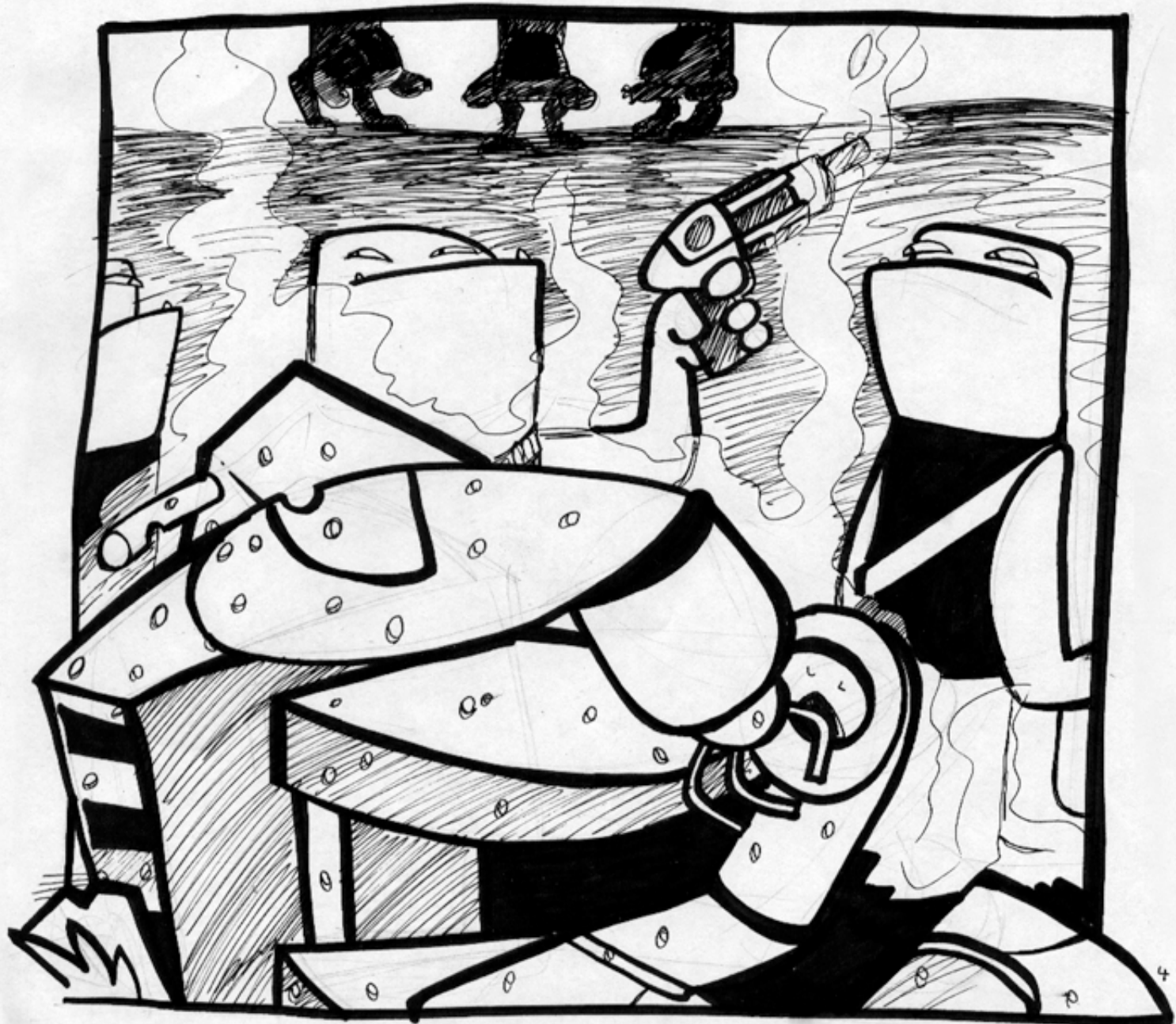


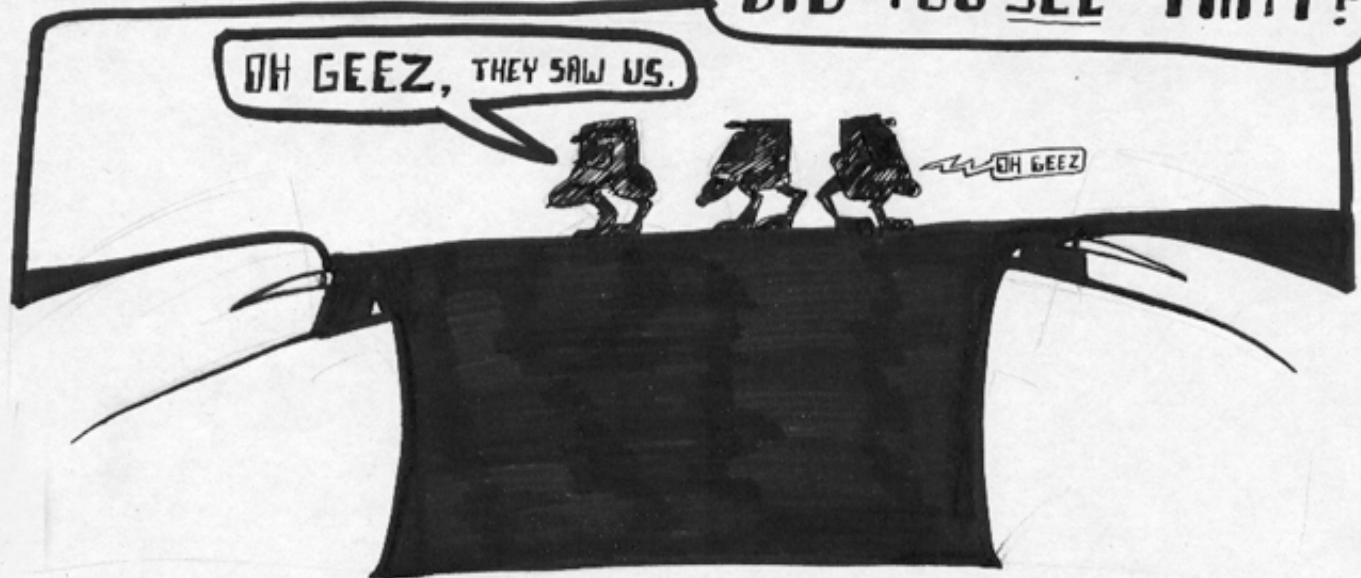


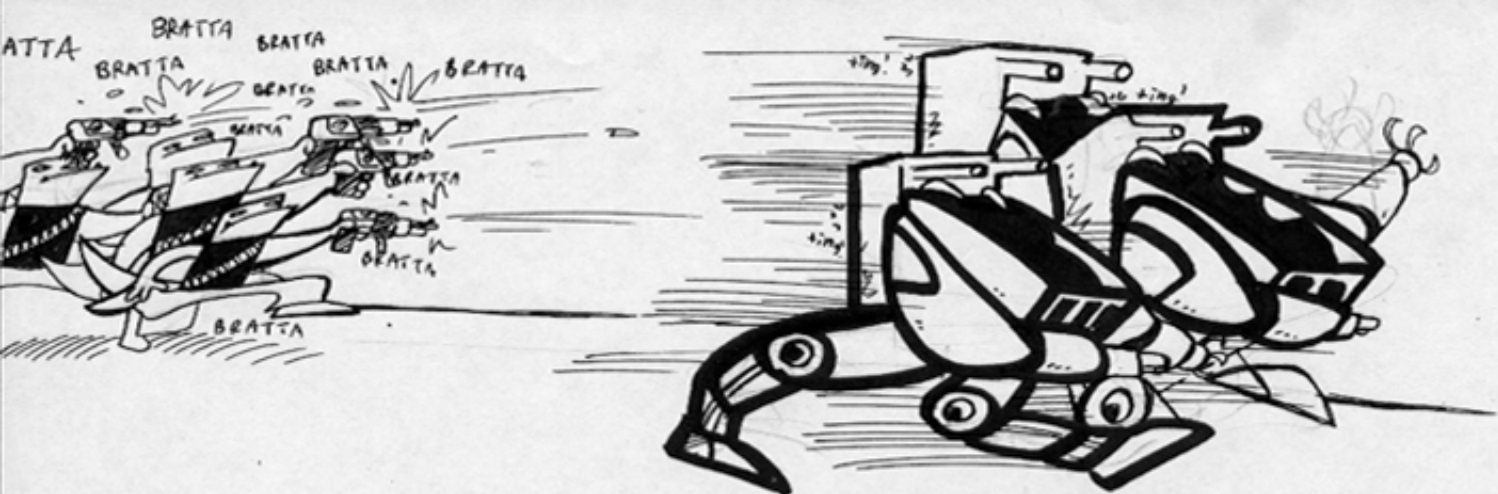


CLIK! CLIK. CLIK! CLIK! CLIK! CLIK! CLIK!
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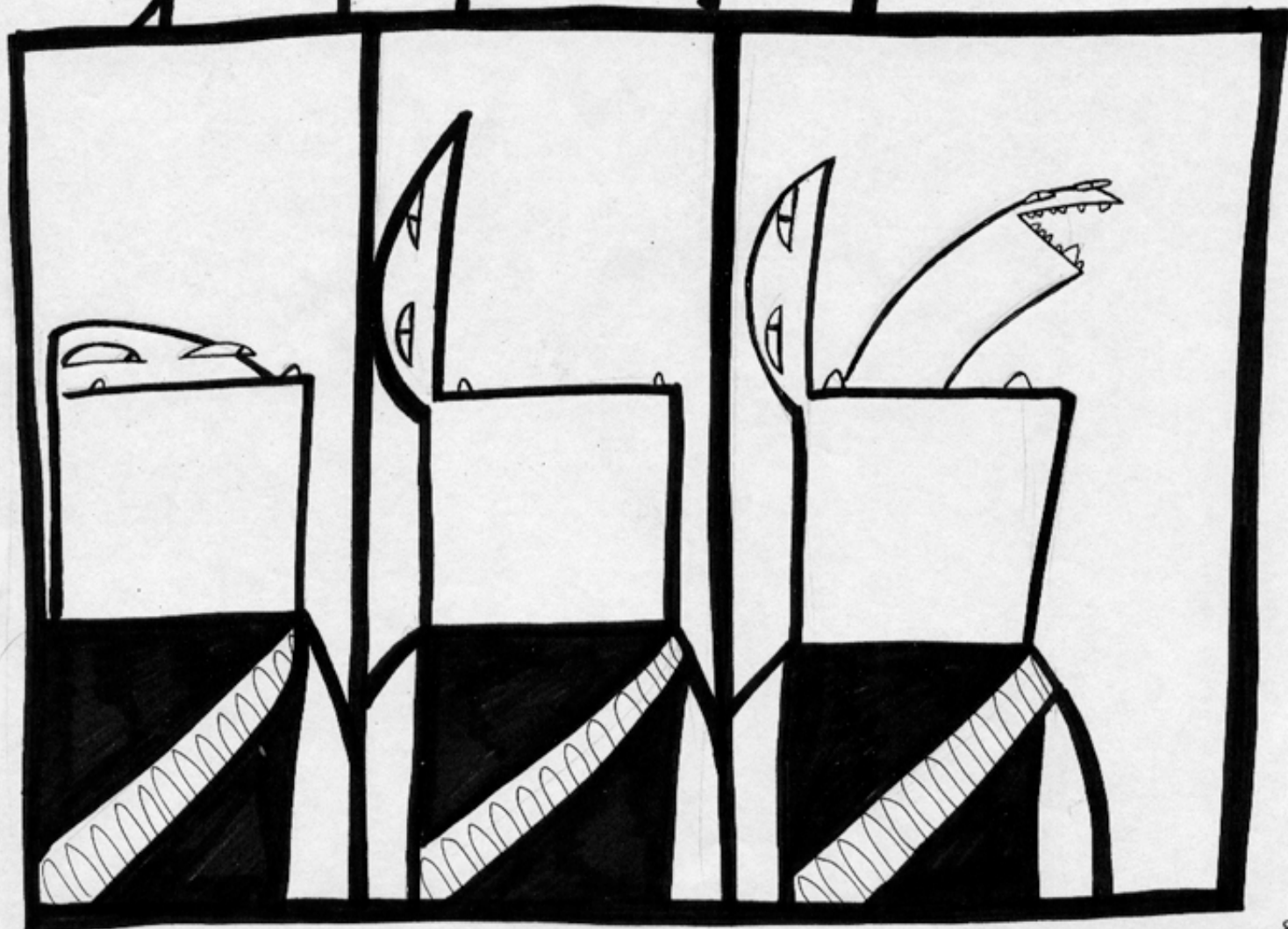


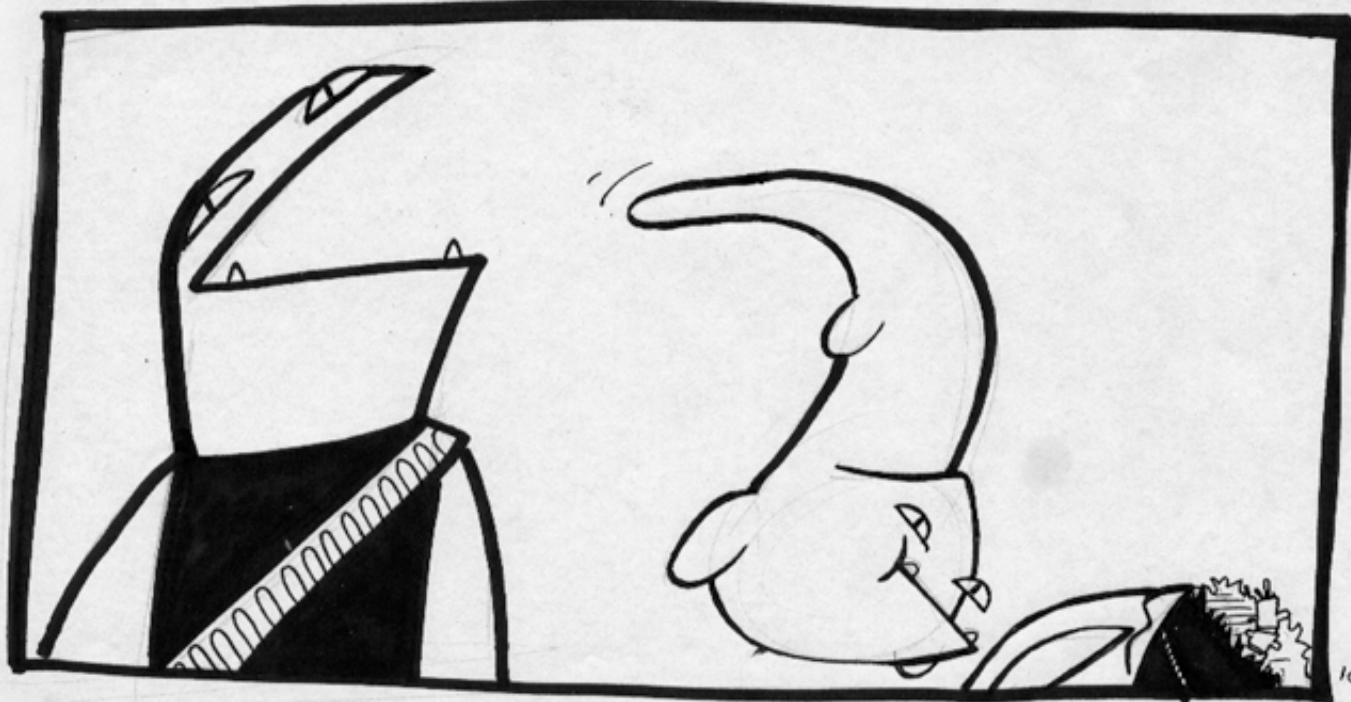
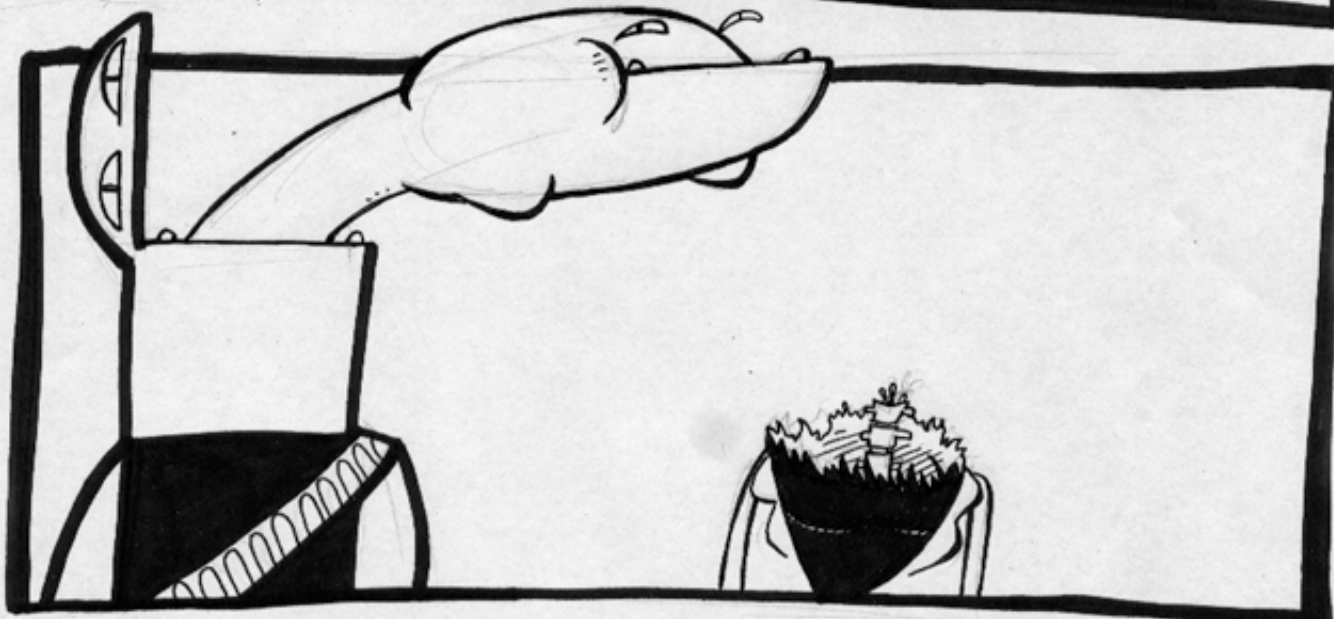


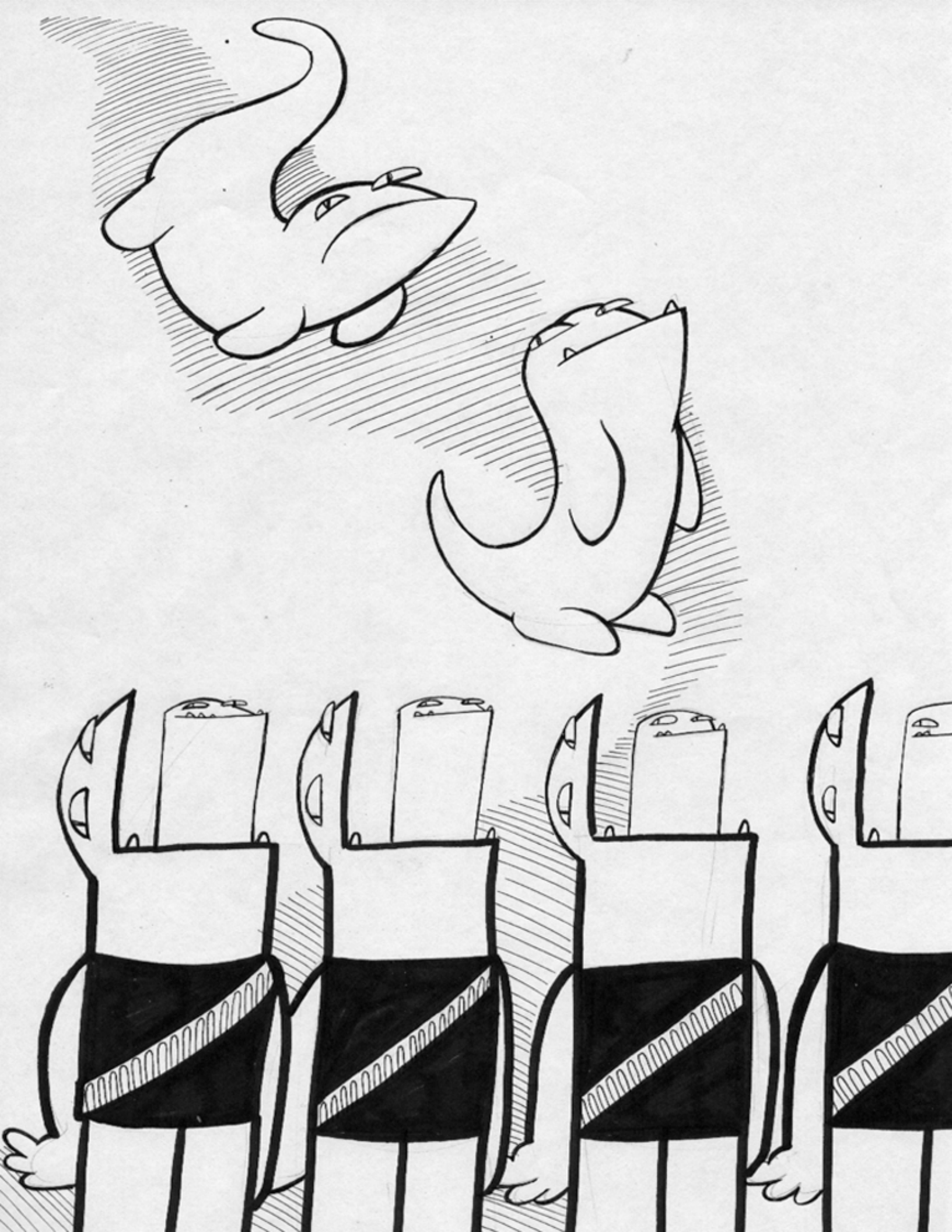
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LIZARD MEN DESTROY THE ROBOTS







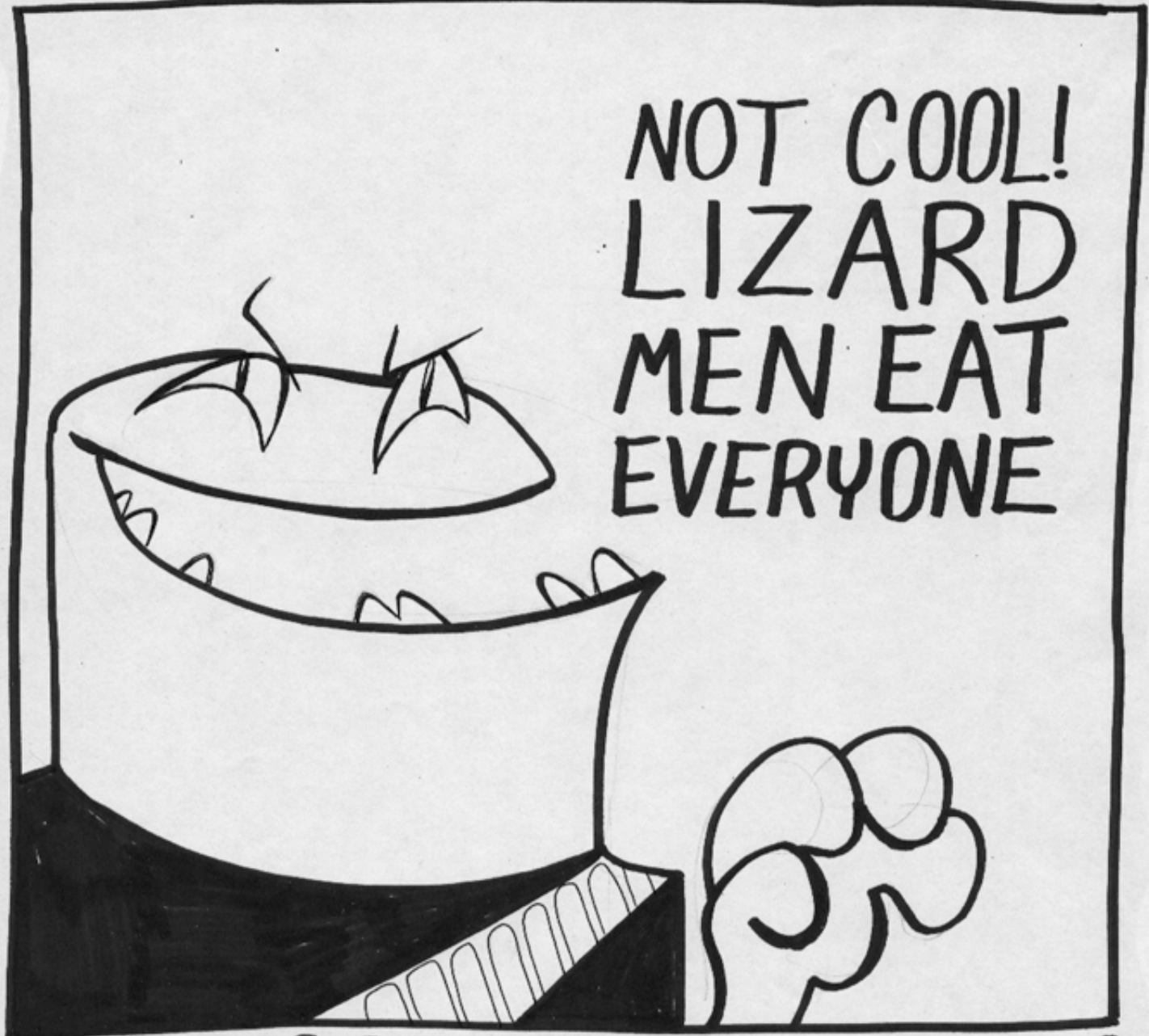






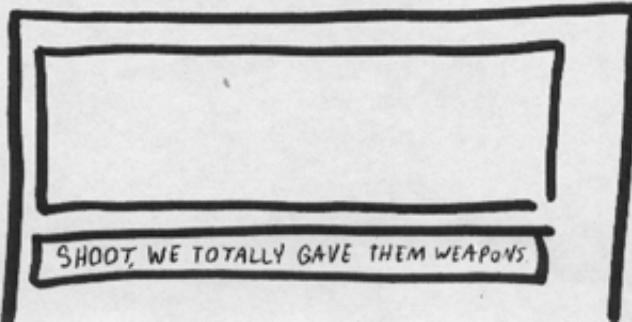


SAME NEWSPAPER



WE SPOKE TO SOON

LIZARD MEN TOTALLY NOT HEROES





it has been 39 years since the
lizard men took the planet,

and three years since I've seen
another human.



once the lizards started
multiplying, they quickly
outnumbered humans. The only
ones who survived were those
of us who escaped to the
frozen tundra where lizards
dare not dwell.

I found her, motionless in the snow. It had been a long time since I'd met anyone old enough to remember the 'before time' so I asked if she knew what had caused it all.

coffee... cup...



COFFEE CUP.

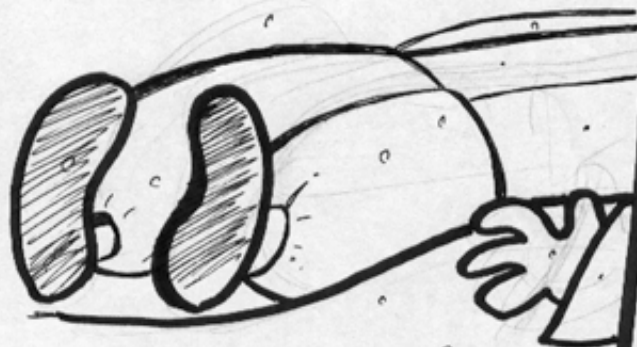
COFFEE CUP!



REEEEEEEEFIIIIILL



and like that she was gone.





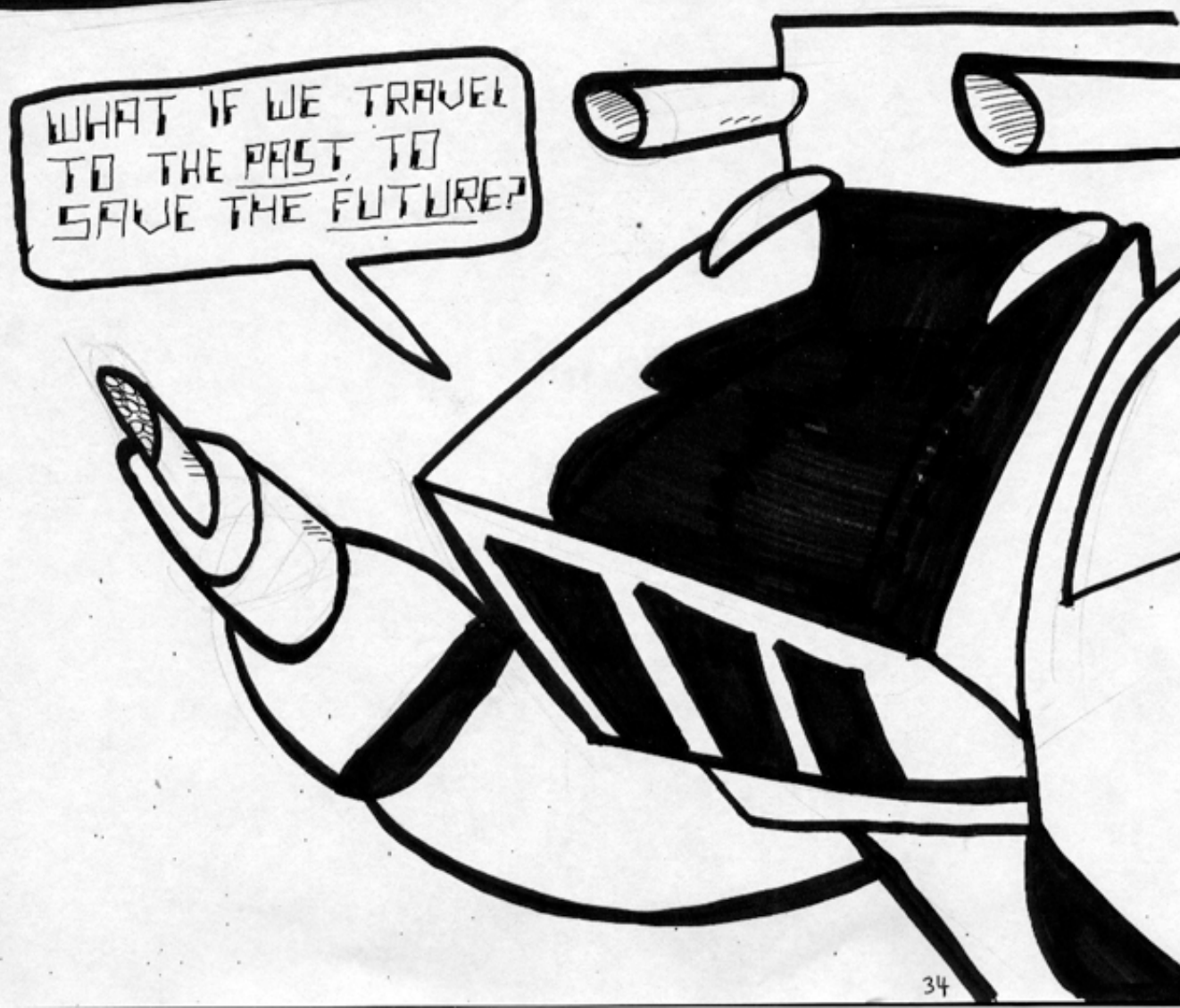
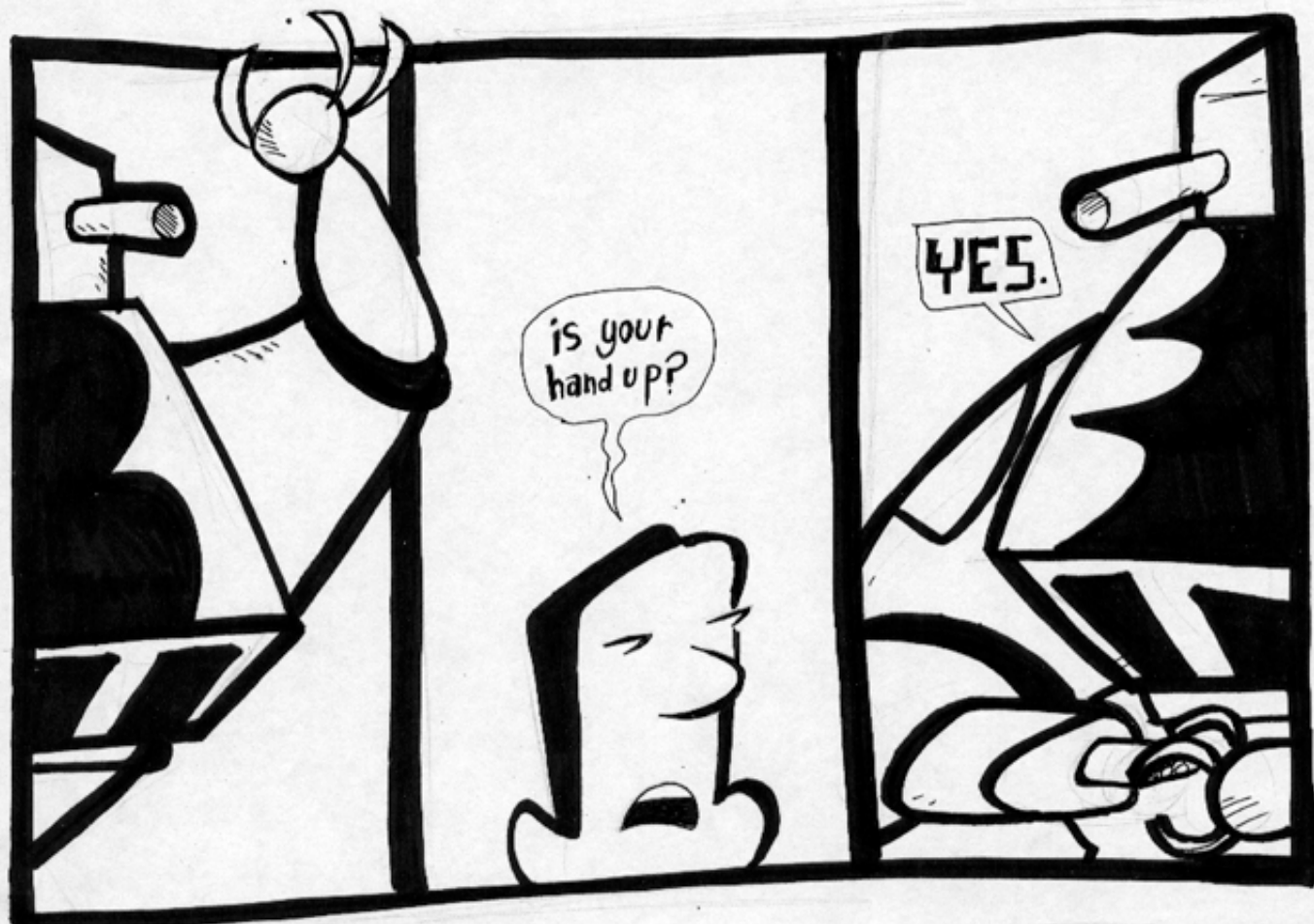


some days we make snowmen.



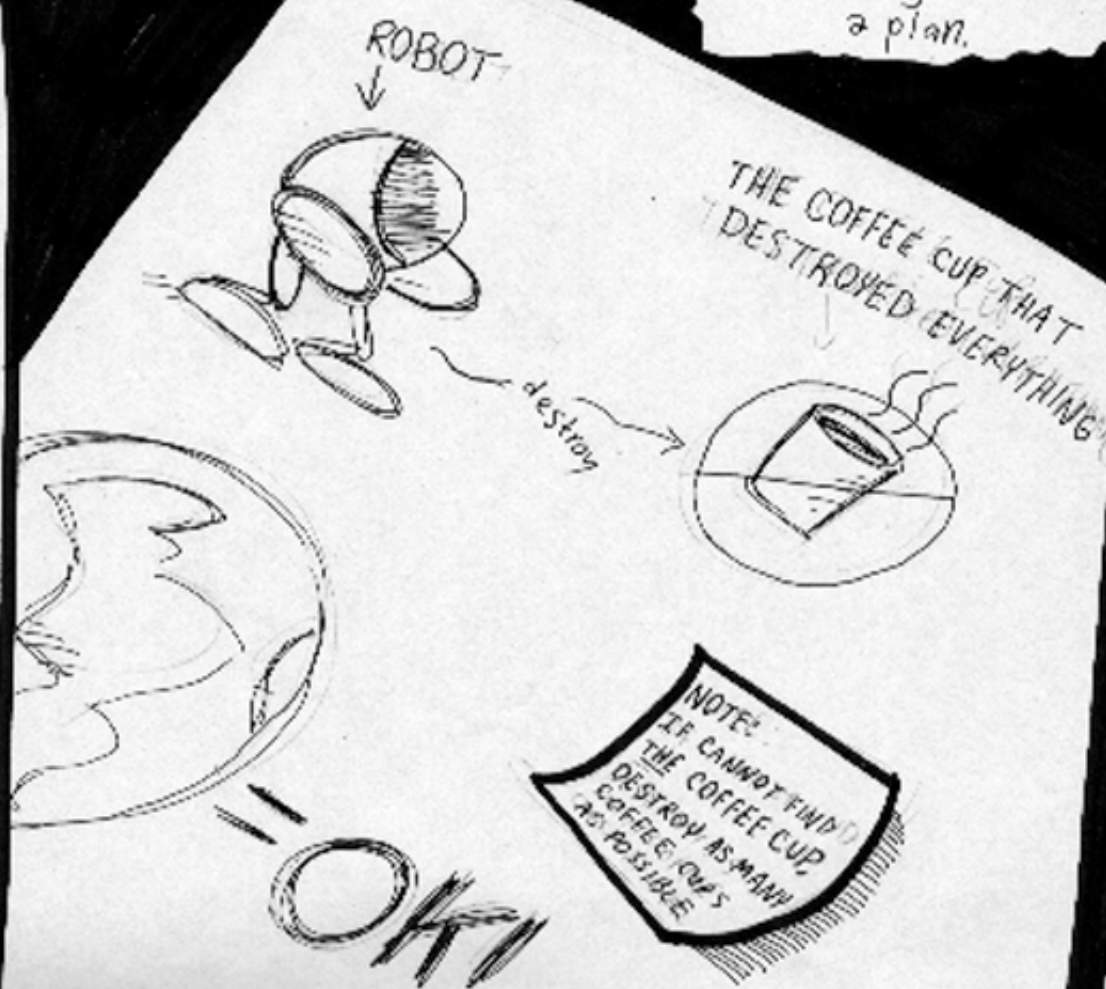
Yesterday, we made a
hole in the space/
time continuum.







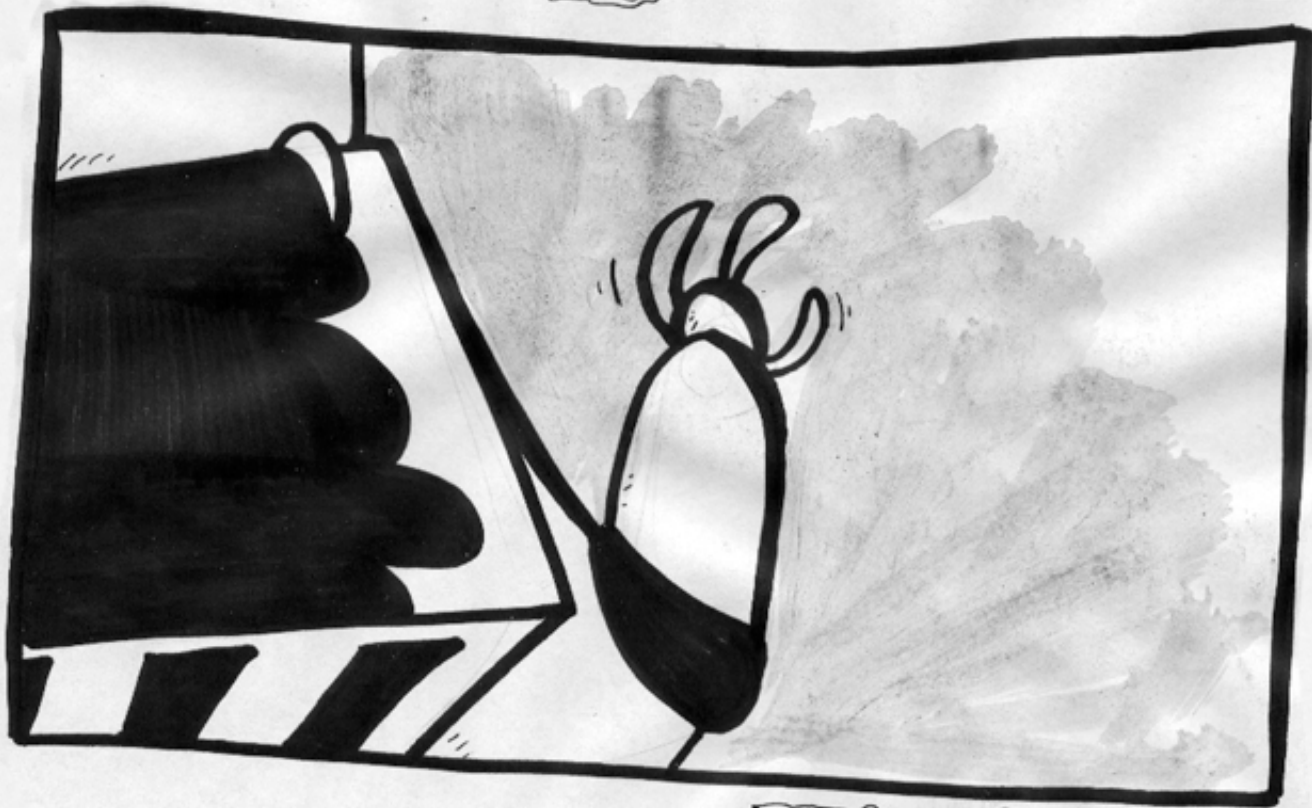
We quickly concocted
a plan.



and one by one...

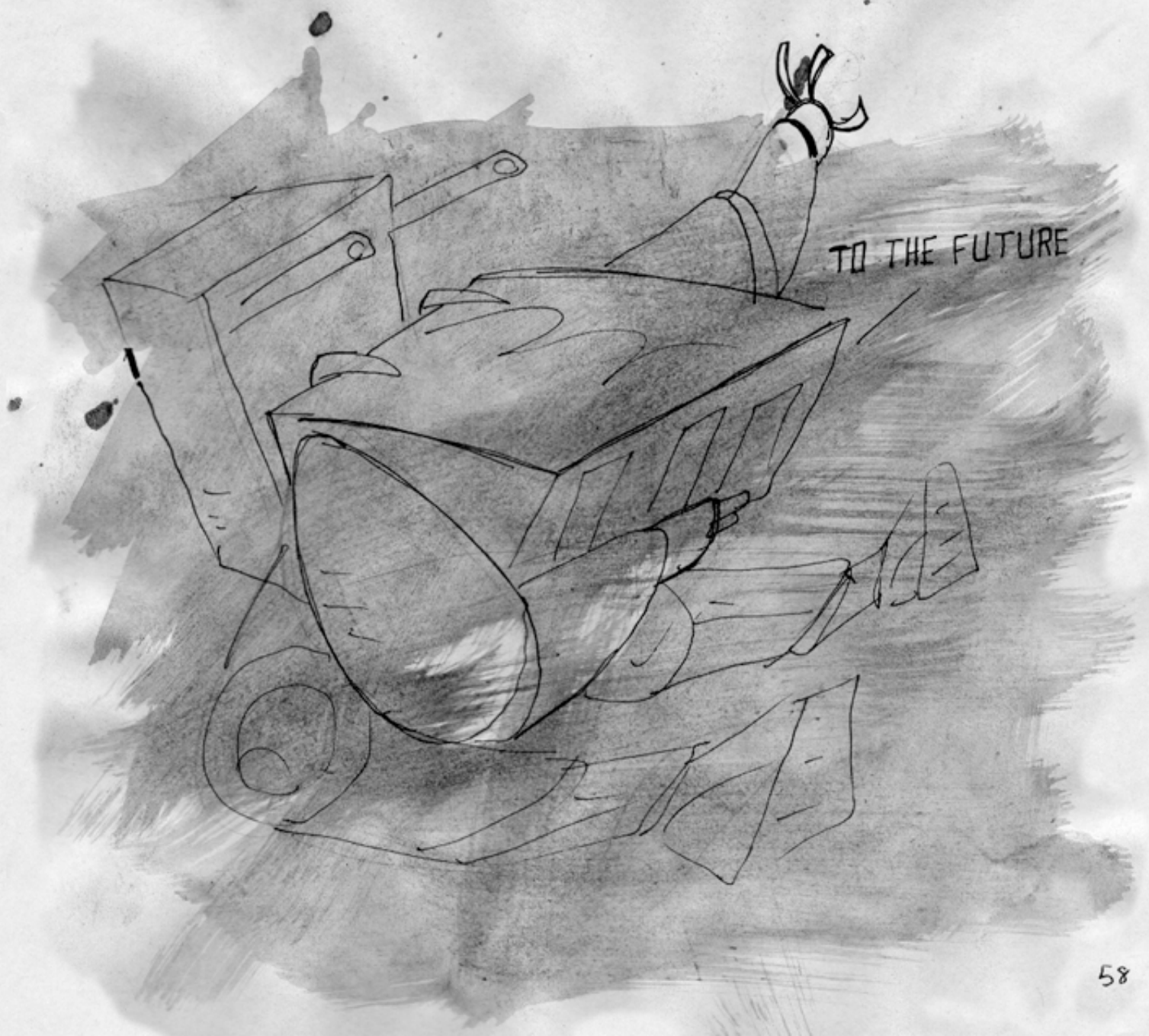


they set out...



to destroy the coffee cup.

that destroyed everything 52





now I'm bored again.



LIZARD MEN...
KILLED EVERYONE
ELSE.

BUT I FOUND IT...

I FOUND THE CUP

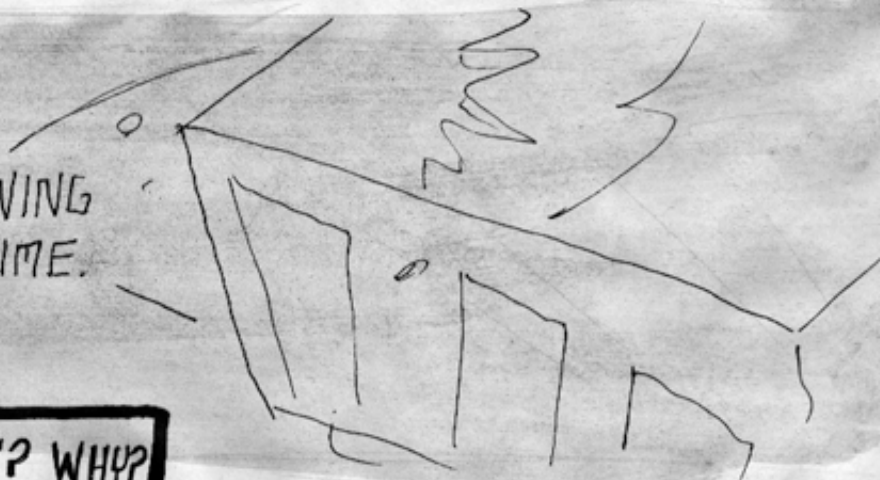


Where is it?

I SENT IT WHERE
THE LIZARD MEN
CAN NEVER FIND
IT..



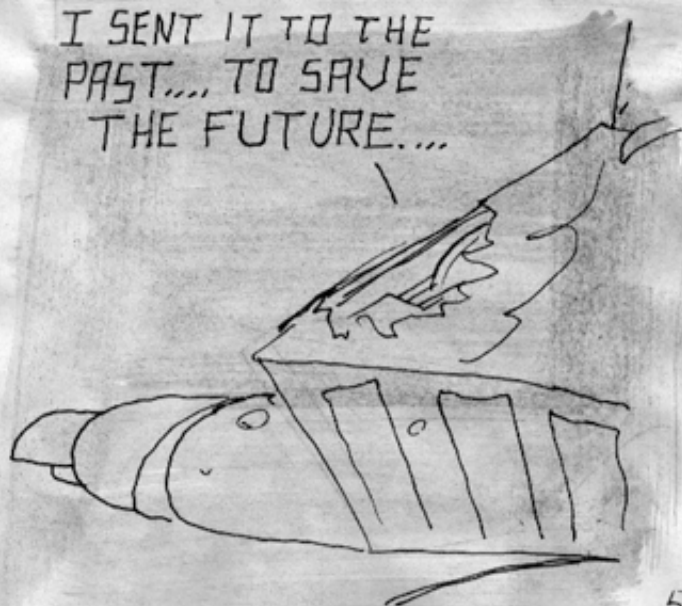
THE BEGINNING
OF TIME.



TO THE PAST? WHY?



I SENT IT TO THE
PAST.... TO SAVE
THE FUTURE....





YOU FOOL!
IN JUST OVER FORTY
YEARS THAT CUP HAS
WIPE OUT MANKIND
AND STRANDED US
IN A WORLD RULED
BY REPTILES!



IMAGINE WHAT
IT CAN DO IF IT
HAS EONS TO WORK
WITH!



YOU COULD WIPE OUT
ALL OF EXISTENCE

CRACK





CRAAAAAAK!

Fwoosh!

WEE!



TEAAAR!!!



John Doe



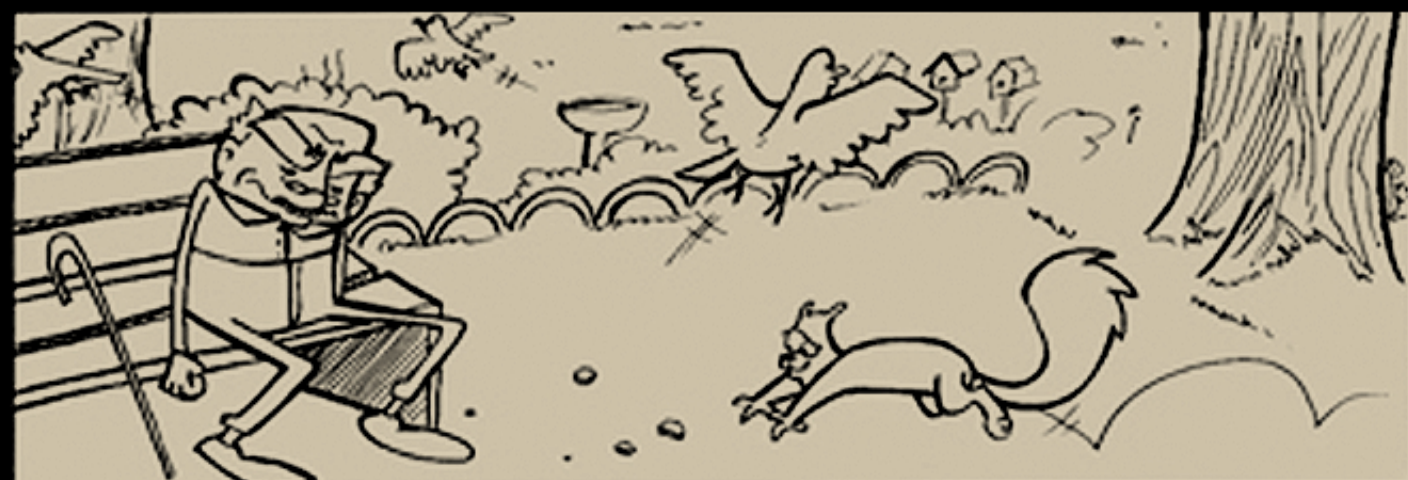
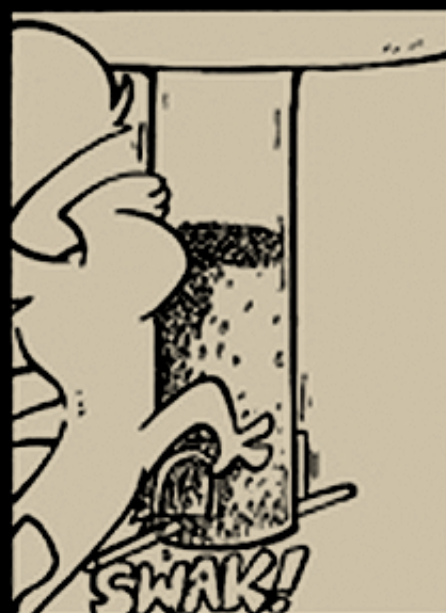


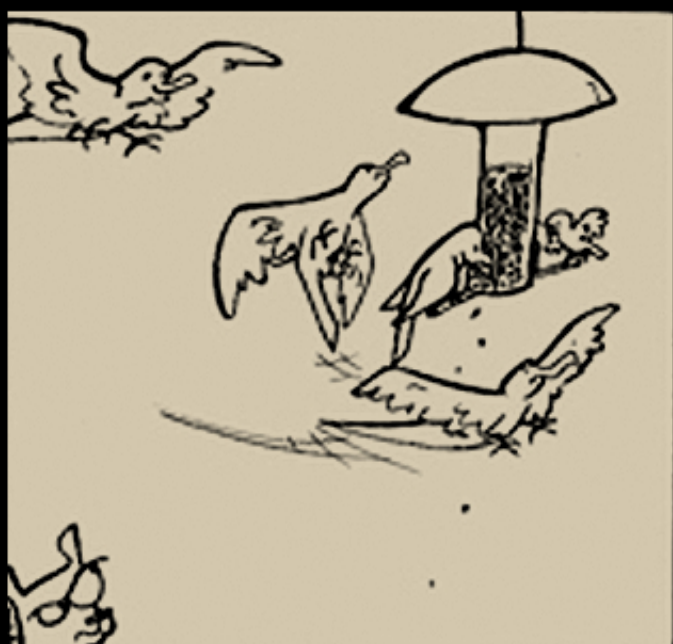


the end₂₇

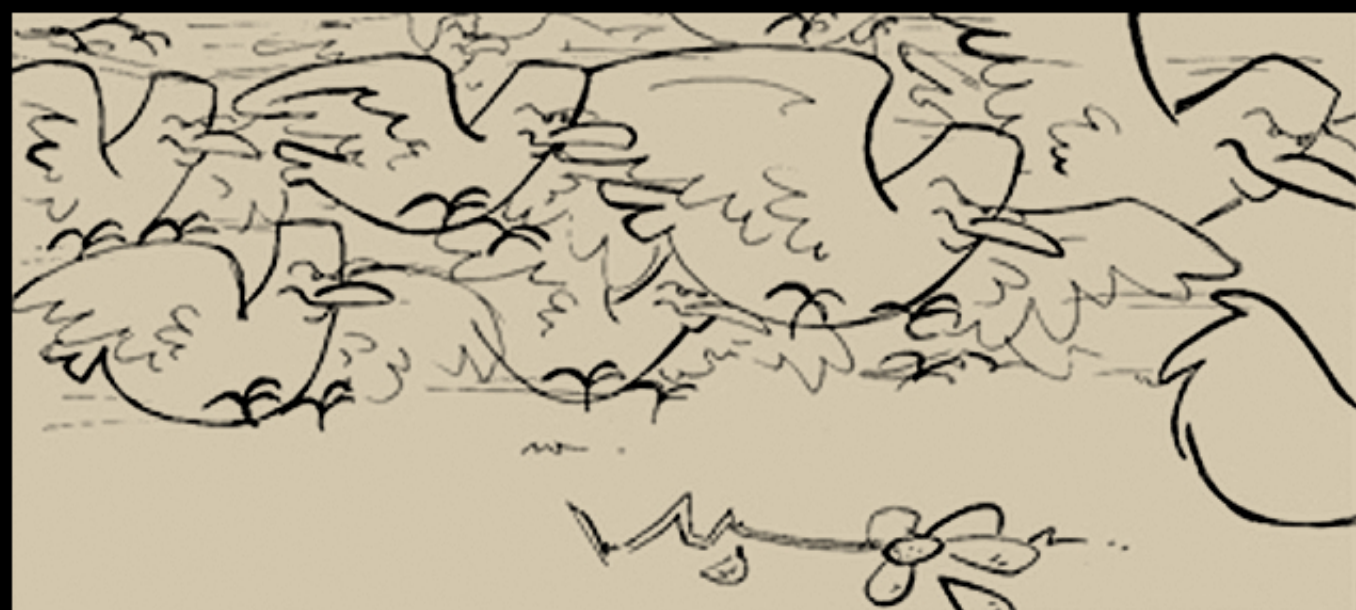






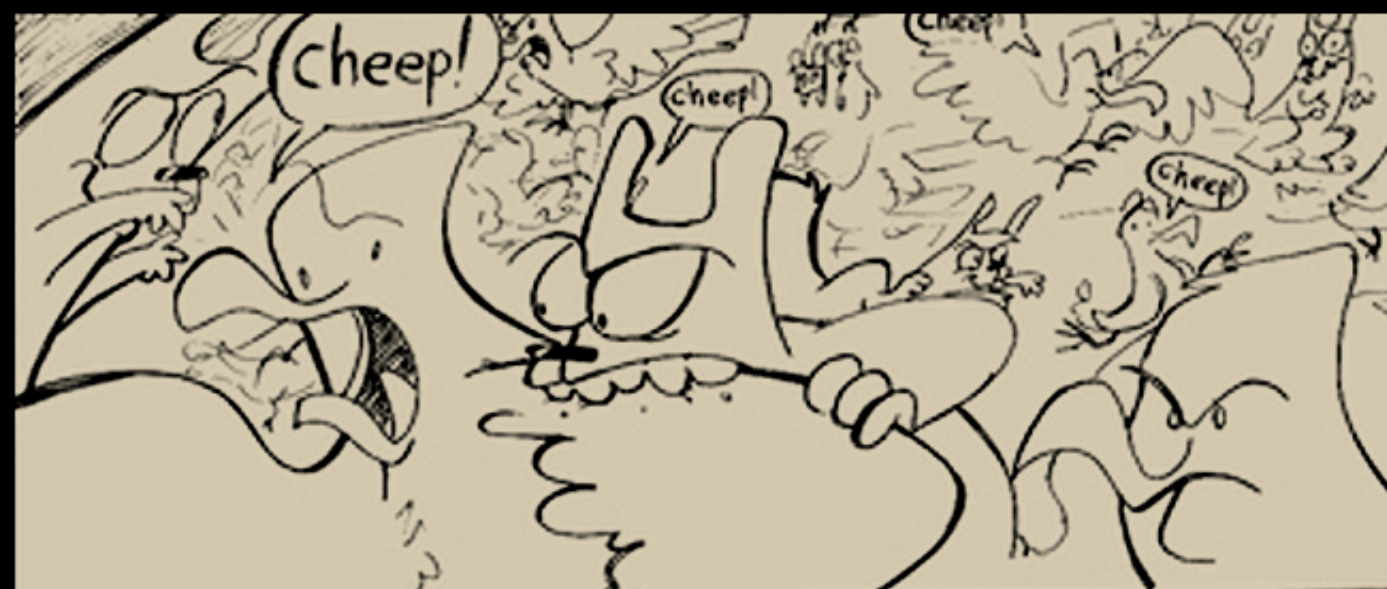


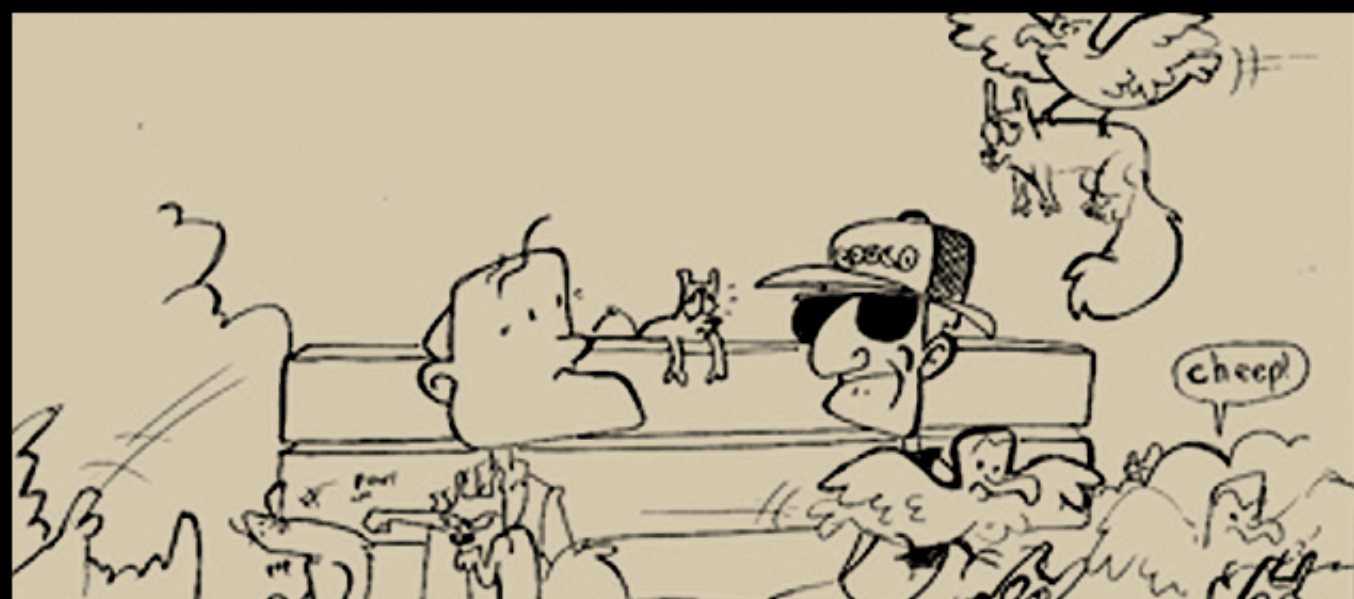
























WHY ME?

WHY MY
HOUSE?

WHY DO I HAVE
TO SOLVE THE
MYSTERY OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
CAT KILLER?

SIGH....

FINE, I'LL DO IT.

BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW
WHERE TO START!

BUT... I GUESS I'M SUPPOSED
TO FOLLOW YOU AND FIND OUT.

MEANWHILE...

HEY DAN.

DUDE, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? THE HIGH PRIEST IS GONNA BE **PISSED!**

OH, GEEZ. DID HE NOTICE I WAS LATE?

PROBABLY, WE ALREADY DID THE CHANT OF REAWAKENING.

CRAP.

YOU DID BRING THE SACRIFICE, RIGHT?

UMMMMM

DANG IT, DOUG. IT WAS YOUR TURN.

CRAP.

DOUG, I'M A NICE GUY. I CAN TOLERATE A LITTLE TARDINESS NOW AND AGAIN.

THANK YOU, HIGH-

SHUT UP, DOUG. I CAN TOLERATE IT, BUT ONE OF THESE DAYS, WE'RE GOING TO AWAKEN THE DARK LORD. AND DO YOU THINK THAT THE DARK LORD TOLERATES TARDINESS?

NO, I DON'T THINK..

SHUT UP, DOUG.

HELLO, DOUG.

UH, HIGH PRIEST! HELLO! HEH, DAN AND I WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT WHAT A GREAT CHANT OF-

SHUT UP, DOUG.

NO, I THINK THE DARK LORD WOULD BE VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT TARDINESS. BUT I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW, BECAUSE WE PROBABLY WON'T BE SEEING THE DARK LORD TONIGHT.

THAT'S GOOD.

THAT'S NOT THAT GOOD, DOUG. DO YOU KNOW **WHY** WE WON'T BE SEEING HIM?

UM...

HOW DO WE SUMMON THE DARK LORD, DOUG?

SACRIFICE?

THAT'S RIGHT. AND **WHOSE** TURN WAS IT TO BRING THE SACRIFICE TONIGHT, DOUG?

CRAP.

THAT DARK LORD HAS ONLY BEEN IMPRISONED FOR A COUPLE MILLENIUMS, I'M **SURE** HE'S NOT EAGER TO BE SET FREE OR ANYTHING.

OH, CRAP.

DOUG, EITHER GO FIND US A SACRIFICE, OR YOU'LL **BE** THE SACRIFICE.

HEEEEEEEERE
KITTY KITTY KITTY.....

MEOW!

OH,
HELLO.



OH...
HELLO...

OH,
CRAP.



GYAAAAAAAAAH!!

Scratch!

HISS!

Bite!

GROWL!

Attack!

Gouge!

Bleed!

CLAW!

ROWR!

OUCH!

CHOMP!



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE
GONNA MAKE ME WEAR
THIS.

OOOOOW!



IT'S A CULT!

THEY'RE SACRIFICING CATS!

THAT'S INSANE!

OF COURSE, I'M TALKING TO CATS
AND TAKING ORDERS FROM THEM, SO
I DON'T HAVE MUCH ROOM TO TALK.



OH, DOUG.
YOU'RE BACK.
AND YOU BROUGHT
A KITTEN!

I'LL JUST GO AHEAD
AND TOSS IT ON THE
FIRE FOR YOU.





AT LAST! A DECENT SACRIFICE!

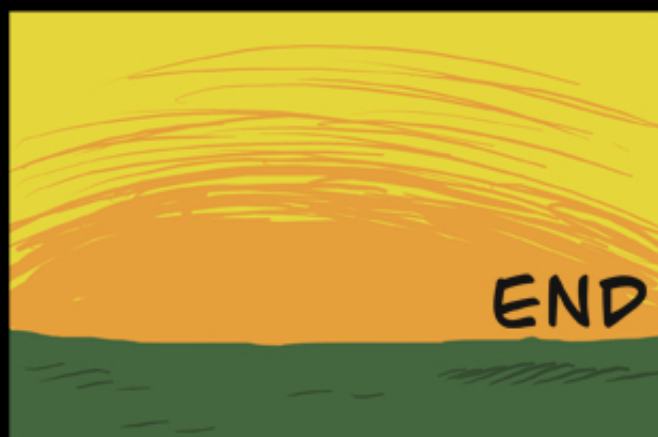
SERIOUSLY, GUYS.
WHAT'S UP WITH ALL
THE CATS?

DIDN'T THE FIRST SEVERAL
HUNDRED TIMES I DIDN'T
APPEAR CLUE YOU IN TO
THE FACT THAT SACRIFICING
CATS WAS USELESS?

SERIOUSLY, STOP
KILLING CATS. GET A
HOBBY FOR GODSAKES.

AND STOP SUMMONING ME.
I HAVE WORK TO DO, JEEZ.





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